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DOG REUNION

Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness will sponsor the 1st Annual Shelter Dog Reunion which includes a "Benefit for Jasmine" 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 14, at Northwest's College Park.

Jasmine suffers from a hip disorder and needs an expensive surgery.

Activities include a live broadcast from X106, dog grooming and demonstrations, dog show, doggie massages, face painting and games.

For more information contact Kristina Hargin at khargin@nwmissouri.edu.

LUNCHEON

The New Nodaway County Humane Society will host a Spring Salad Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 12, at First Christian Church.

Cost is \$5 at the door with all proceeds benefiting the society. For more information please call 562-3049.

TODAY

Broadway musical "Rent" actor and author Anthony Rapp will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater. The event is free to the public.

Check out Nwmissourianews.com tonight for a full story and question and answer with Rapp.

SATURDAY

Student Senate elections.

MONDAY

Intramural ultimate Frisbee begins, 3:30 p.m., football practice field.

TUESDAY

Symphonic Band Concert, 8 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater.

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A slideshow of Egypt pictures taken during managing editor Jessica Schmidt's voyage.

FRESHMEN ENROLLMENT

Freshmen enrollment increases

Northwest boasts
highest acceptance
since 1993

By Dominic Genetti
Senior Reporter

At the site of the new Hudson and Perrin dormitories, the sounds of construction fill the air.

Meanwhile, inside administrative offices at Northwest, the number of accepted freshmen students for next fall is rising.

"This year's applications for admission are running way ahead of last year, about 18 percent at this time," Dean of Enrollment Management Beverly Schenkel said. "If we

continue to admit the same level that we have been in years past, from April 1 to Aug. 15, we would enroll a class of over 1,400, around 1,430."

Northwest enrolled 1,280 freshmen in 2005, the largest in ten years, and 1,451 in 1989, the largest number to date.

As of Monday, the total number of accepted students stood at an even 3,000.

"We'll continue to admit students per week as we go forward," Schenkel said.

With the new Hudson and Perrin halls opening to freshmen next fall, Northwest President Dean Hubbard finds them and other University attractions bringing interest to prospective students.

"Any of us know that the primary marketer of an institution like this is a satisfied student," Hubbard said. "So when students from here go home, tell their friends, their

parents, that they like what they're experiencing, that they enjoy it here and they tell other people and that's your basic variable that drives enrollment."

In conjunction with other initiatives, Schenkel has found not only the new residence halls, but athletics as well as marketing.

Schenkel also gave credit to an increase in campus tours as part of new student interest.

"The admissions team has worked very hard to have strong communication with these students from when they were (high school) freshmen, through senior year," Schenkel said. "The marketing efforts that we have at the University are really designed to create awareness about Northwest Missouri State University. We want that marketing, mass media to push them to the Web site, to

push them to our high school visits so that they can get more specific information about who we are and how it applies to them as a student."

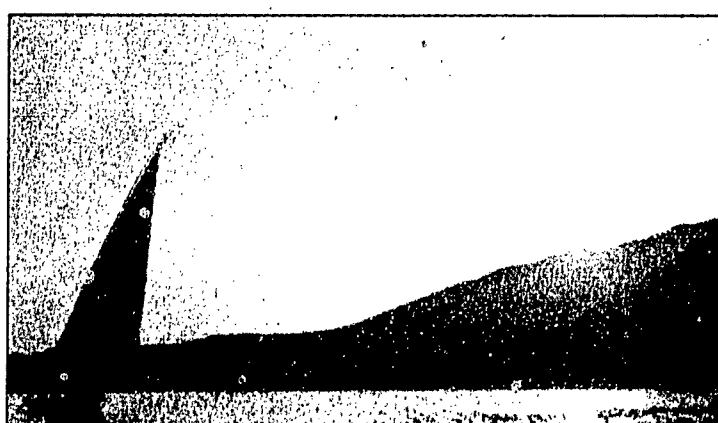
In addition to other preparations, Residential Life is making way for the probable large amount of incoming freshmen.

"Timing is everything on a situation like this, because we put an extra plan in place in the year 2000 and created the (Tower) Suites and (Forest Village) Apartments," Residential Life Director Matt Baker said. "The goal of the suites and apartments was to take some pressure off our housing so we could replace Hudson and Perrin. Had this happened a year ago, it could've been an absolute train wreck, but for us, the stars are in alignment, things have worked out well."

see ENROLLMENT on A6

SECOND IN A SERIES

EGYPTIAN ESCAPADE



By Jessica Schmidt
Managing Editor

After a year's worth of planning I'm finally in Egypt on a 10-day educational tour with 49 other Northwest students, professors and alumni. So far we've visited the pyramids, the Sphinx, the Valley of the Kings and three temples, just to name a few. We are currently halfway through our cruise down the Nile. It is now our fifth day in Egypt.

Monday, March 19

Temples, Crocodiles and Galabeyas

We dock at Edfu and tour the Temple of Horus in the morning. This temple is 2,000-years-old and one of the best-preserved temples we've seen so far.

We shopped at the local vendors and get bombarded with the usual "Hey Spice Girl!" or "Christina, Christina!" It seems Egypt is a little behind in their knowledge of American/western pop icons.

After boarding we take off on another day of cruising. The Nile is absolutely amazing. Here on the banks we see residents taking baths, washing clothes and basically living like they did hundreds of years ago. We also see more than a few houses with airplanes and trains painted on the side. This shows that they have made the Hajj, or the trip to Mecca.

Near sundown we get off at Kom Ombo. This is a twin temple dedicated to both Sobek, a crocodile-headed god, and Horus, a falcon-headed god. We also get to see mummified crocodiles.

After leaving Kom Ombo we returned to the ship to eat dinner and dance in traditional Egyptian dress, the galabeya. This was one of my favorite nights on the trip.

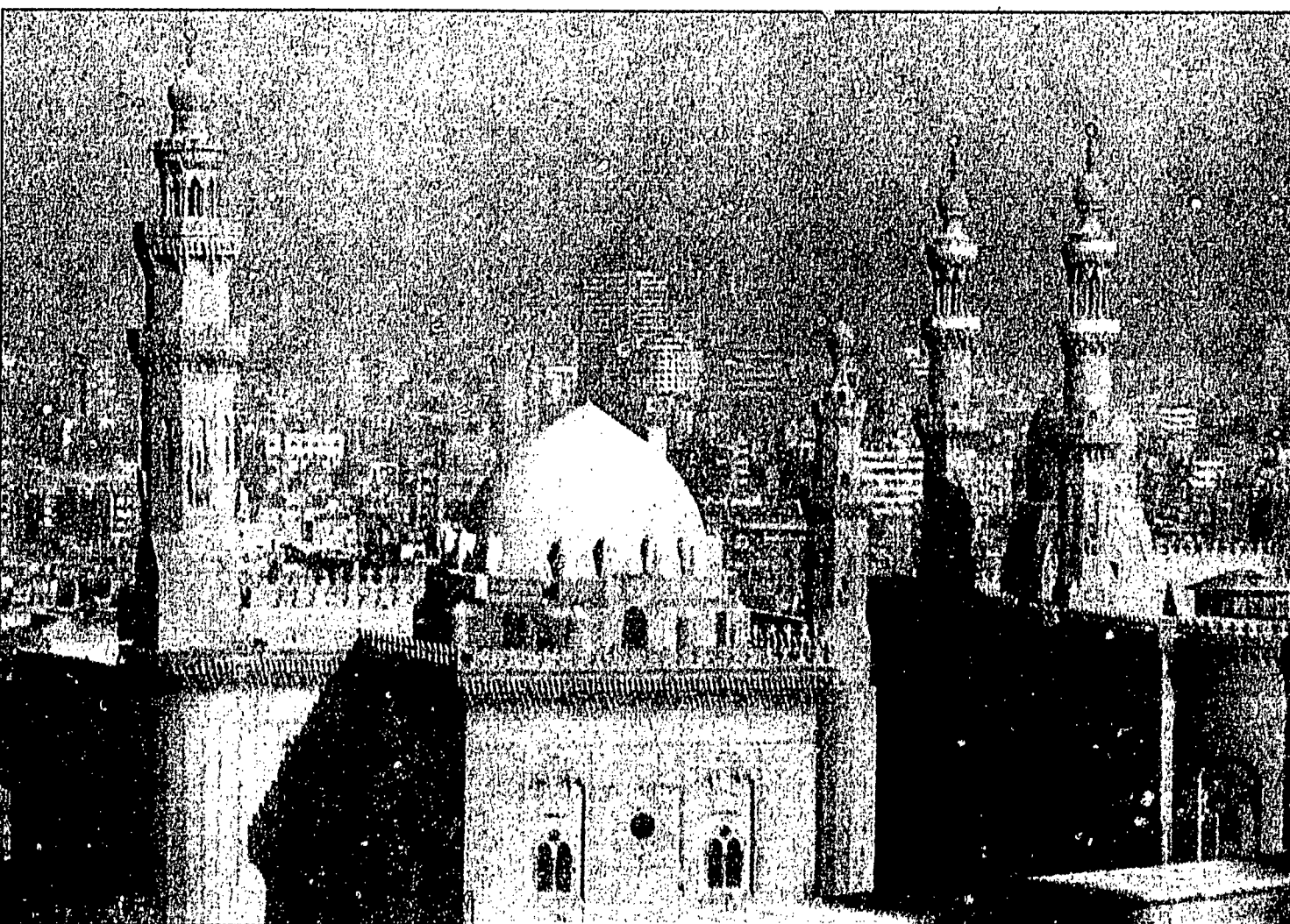
Tuesday, March 20

Spices, Feluccas and Nubians

We are docked at Aswan. Most group members flew and toured Abu Simbel. Later we visit some of Aswan's renowned spice markets and other vendors. On our 20-minute walk to the market I realized I'm not sure if I will ever get used to gun-toting guards at every turn. Egypt is equipped with metal detectors that are not enforced and thousands of armed guards.

It's so crazy to hear about stuff like the Khan al-Khalili Market bombing or the 1997 massacre of 70-some tourists at Queen Hatshepsut's Funeral Temple and

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read about
Jessica's
perspective on
Islam.



(TOP LEFT) GROUP members walk to gain good luck around a monument at the Temple of Karnak. (Top right) The sun sets on the banks of the Nile River while feluccas sail tourists to various sights along the river. (Bottom) A mosque in Cairo

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Asbestos not a threat on Wells Hall roof

By Kristin Summers
University Editor

Although asbestos was discovered on Wells Hall roof almost two years ago, this summer it could be removed.

A survey was taken back when freshmen dorms Hudson and Perrin were about to be demolished showing asbestos was present, said David Duvall, associate director of Environmental Services.

Asbestos, a mineral fiber found in a variety of products such as tiles, shingles and steam pipes, exists in two forms, friable or easily crushed asbestos, is hazardous if inhaled, Duvall said. Non-friable is solid asbestos, which is not harmful. It is only harmful if it crushed, Duvall said.

"You'd have to grind your nose on it,"

Duvall said, in order to make it a powder form, therefore harmful.

Breathing high levels of friable asbestos can lead to an increase risk in lung cancer; mesothelioma, a cancer lining the chest and abdominal cavity; and asbestosis, scarring of lungs with fibrous tissue, according to Epa.gov/asbestos.

Symptoms of the diseases doesn't usually appear until 20 or 30 years after the first encounter, according to the site.

All of Wells Hall roof will be removed except for the northwest and southeast corners, which have already been replaced, Duvall said.

Only a small amount of asbestos is in the roof and is also non-friable, therefore is not a

see ASBESTOS on A6

Northwest student awaits final charges

By Marcus Meade
Community News Editor

Maryville resident and Northwest student Ryan Sundermann has been charged with felony second-degree assault after allegedly operating the vehicle that caused serious injury to 3-year-old Abrielle Neff.

Those charges were filed before Abrielle died Tuesday.

"At the time the charges were filed the child had not died," Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney David Baird said. "At this point we are awaiting the results of the Highway Patrol's final report."

That report will determine if Sundermann will be charged with something more severe but won't be in for two to three weeks.

Why so long? Because the accident

involves the death of a small child, the Missouri State Highway Patrol is giving the investigation a high level of attention.

"Our crash team is investigating the accident," Sgt. Sheldon Lyon said. "Their level of accident investigation is more in depth than an officer's on site."

The largest question, which has been the subject of much speculation, is whether or not Sundermann was intoxicated during the accident, Lyon said.

His history is against him with two alcohol-related driving incidents on his record already, including one DWI, Baird said.

"You've got a driver who may be impaired and you've had someone die that elevates the seriousness of the accident," Lyon said.

see FELONY on A6

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Student Senate sponsors blood drive

The Community Blood Center will host a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 12 in the Station West Conference Center.

A photo I.D. is required. For more information about medical eligibility call 1-800-245-7035. To make an appointment online, go to Easvalifenow.org or contact Britney Short at 562-1218.

Voter registration on campus

On campus voter registration will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second floor in the J.W. Jones Student Union, Monday through Wednesday.

Parent's night out, fundraiser for juvenile diabetes

A parent's night out and fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation will be from 6 to 10 p.m. on the third floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union in the Tower View Room on Saturday, April 14. Childcare will be for children ages 4 and up.

Bearcat Stepper tryouts end of April

Registration for Bearcat Stepper tryouts will be at 9 a.m. in the second floor of the Martindale Gym, Saturday, April 21. There is a \$15 non-refundable fee. For more information about requirements, go to nwmissouri.edu/sports/steppers/index.

Bearcat Arena holds expo

The Education Expo, formerly known as Teacher Placement Day, will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in Bearcat Arena. For additional information contact the Career Services Office at 562-1250.

SIGNING TO SING



COBY SHEPARD looks on as Katie Meyers and Coriann Sperling perform to "We Got the Beat," at the American Sign Language Showcase last Wednesday. This year's theme was "The Rocking '80s."

CAMPUS

Students travel to Miami for Alternative Spring Break

By Lindsay Jacobs
Asst. Features Editor

After they were in one of Miami's highest crime rate areas helping build houses they returned home feeling grateful for what they have.

Twenty-one students and three sponsors traveled to Miami for Northwest's Alternative Spring Break program to participate in Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge where they worked March 20-24 on a total of five houses. Each student put in 32 hours of work.

Students were divided in three groups. Each group had a different job, one group painted, one group drywalled and the third group did framework.

This year Trudy Stensland went on her first ASB. She helped put up drywall.

Although there was hard work involved Stensland said she had fun.

Sophomore Laurel Glenn said she was in the framework group, and she had never touched a hammer before the trip. She could tell the families were grateful for the students' work.

"It made you feel good about yourself," Glenn said.

The group met two families who would be moving in the houses students worked on. One woman is a recovering drug addict who has two older sons and ran a food shelter and a women's shelter, said Amy Nally, volunteer programs and service learning coordinator.

The woman also speaks to universities about recovering from her addiction.

She was able to give the group a lot of insight on how she got her life back on the right track. She was also appreciative and respectful towards the group, Nally said.

"It was great to be able to give back to somebody that was really in need and had turned their life around, and was striving to do something to get on the right track and do something that was going to better herself and her family," Nally said.

Senior Jamie Eickoff said it's a positive to help those who are trying to turn their lives around.

"It's always good to help anybody, but someone who's obviously had problems in their life and has made that decision to change their life it's nice to show that support for them and encouragement for other people who

want to change their life around, too," Eickoff said.

They worked in an area with a high crime rate, but never felt threatened. "You were always on guard, but I never felt like I was fearful every day," Nally said.

The group stayed at a church and camped on the gym floor along with 35 fraternity men from the University of Illinois.

The 55 who stayed there shared six toilets and five showers.

The students did a good job of being punctual and staying on task, Nally said.

In comparison to the previous two ASB's she's been on, Eickoff said during this one she learned a lot more about the community they worked in.

"Everybody's willing to share their stories, and even the Habitat people would tell us about the area," Eickoff said.

In addition to their work, the group got to see the Everglades, a national wildlife reserve and they got to go snorkeling.

Next spring, ASB will travel to Kissimmee, Fla. to work with Make-A-Wish Foundation in the Magical Village. Students will work with children who

have a life-threatening illness by doing activities with the children and serving meals, Nally said.

Applications for next year's ASB will be available shortly after classes start next fall, Nally said. There will be an application process for next year's trip.

ASB is holding various fund-raisers to pay for their last trip and next year's trip.

Next week the group will the Northwest Challenge Penny Wars. Organizations on campus will have a jar located between Java City and the bookstore in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Anything other than a penny will count as negative points, for example a dime will be negative 10 points.

The group will also hold a Pizza Hut night where some of the proceeds made by Pizza Hut will go to them. They are also might be sponsoring a middle school dance on campus.

"If you asked them (the students) they'd say their grateful for the community we live in, the family and friends they have and the life that they lead," Nally said. "I would say we're all very lucky individuals coming from what we've seen and so we should all be very thankful."

Walk raises money for cystic fibrosis

By Kristin Summers
University Editor

They gave up their Saturday to benefit their health as well as others. Candace Fannon, 11, Cheley Fannon, 13, and Amber White, 6, of Maryville, attended the annual 'Cat Walk and Health Fair in Bearcat Arena Saturday, with their grandparents.

The girls went to the 'Cat Walk last year and enjoyed walking and talking during the event along with food provided.

Candace and White said they even had races against each other during the event.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Services and Northwest teamed up to raise \$3,500 at the 2nd Annual 'Cat Walk to benefit cystic fibrosis.

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system, according to Cff.org.

Registered nurse, Karie Untiedt, knew someone who had cystic fibrosis and brought some of her family members to walk with her at the event.

The actual 'Cat Walk has been going on for several years said Matt Symonds, assistant professor in the health, physical education and recreation and dance department and coordinator of Northwest's Be Well Committee.

This year, 250 people attended the event, 50 more than last year, said Allison Strong, foundation and development coordinator at St. Francis.

Along with booths in the hallway for the Health Fair, door prizes were given to 10 people every 10 minutes as well as a bigger prize given every hour during the walk.

There used to be a walk just for cystic fibrosis separate but because of low attendance numbers Northwest and St. Francis joined together to help promote being healthy and to

help raise money for cystic fibrosis, Symonds said.

"Our mission is to get people active," Symonds said.

St. Francis offered cholesterol screenings, bone density scans, blood pressure screening and lung function screenings throughout the event.

Tori Harr, health education coordinator at St. Francis, helped draw blood during the event and said around 50 cholesterol screenings took place, which was an increase from the less than 15 screenings at last year's event.

Anne Lech, an English as a second language teacher, walked at the 'Cat Walk for the first time this year.

The event overall had triple benefits because it was a good chance to get check-ups, to walk and was for a good cause, Lech said.

For more information about programs the Northwest Be Well Committee, contact Symonds at 562-1069.

COMMUNITY

Rietz resigns from city manager

By Marcus Meade
Community News Editor

When Maryville residents laid their heads down to sleep on Sunday night, they had a city manager. By Monday night they didn't.

Mike Rietz resigned as Maryville's city manager on Monday after 14 months of service, Mayor Mike Thompson said, leaving many asking why.

The city council isn't giving any reasons for Rietz's resignation but will discuss it, in closed session, at Monday's regularly-scheduled city council meeting.

Until a new city manager is found, Matt LeClerc, assistant city manager, will take on Rietz's duties.

"I guess I am kind of in charge of the day-to-day but right now I'm still the assistant city manager," LeClerc said. "The weight has increased. It's just another challenge I have to step up to."

Thompson is confident, however, that LeClerc can meet the challenge. "We're very impressed with Matt LeClerc so we're not worried about the day-to-day," Thompson said.

Thompson speaks from experience. Every city manager he's seen come in has resigned, he said. Most resigned to move on to other locations, but it's unclear if that is the case this time.

Regardless of why Rietz resigned, the council now has the task of replacing him, and to do that, they have asked for the input of community leaders, Thompson said.

The last search for a city manager didn't go as smoothly as they would have liked. LeClerc is uncertain whether or not he will throw his hat in the ring.

"I'd need to talk with my family about that," LeClerc said. "That is a family issue."

"We're very impressed with Matt LeClerc so we're not worried about the day-to-day,"
-Mike Thompson, mayor

CRUCIFIXION REENACTMENT



JEREMY TROSHYNSKI (left) and Connor Heltman (right), portray Roman Guards, as Troy Sherry (center) portrays Christ in the reenactment of the crucifixion of Jesus. The three played in front of their classmates and parents on Tuesday afternoon in the Sanctuary of St. Gregory's Catholic Church.

Low election turnout

By Marcus Meade
Community News Editor

Every four years, celebrities and organizations make an attempt to stimulate voter turnout. They're unhappy because only 60 percent of the voting population votes.

In Nodaway County on Tuesday, the turnout was much lower. It barely cracked the double digits.

At just over 12 percent, voter turnout was low for the elections held Tuesday, with 1,489 ballots cast for the 11,826 registered voters in Nodaway County.

"April is usually a pretty low turnout," Councilman Chad Jackson said. "I voted at a little after six; there hadn't been many people."

The lack of turnout could be attributed to the low number of competitive races. Both councilwoman Carol

Couts and Jackson ran unopposed.

Only one race was competitive for the Maryville R-II school board with Elaine Wilson beating out Matthew Stiens 304 to 94.

"It pays \$100 a year," Mayor Mike Thompson said. "I think that the people who are the leaders in Maryville, if they look at it and see it's in good hands they aren't challenged."

The community is happy with Coutts and Jackson, Thompson said.

Because being on the council pays so little, members must do it because they care about their community, Jackson said. He just hopes for more involvement.

"My desire is that more people would be involved with city and county government," Jackson said.

One of the propositions facing all members of Nodaway County was a vote to allow residents of non-incor-

porated areas of Nodaway County to purchase federal flood insurance, Presiding Commissioner Joe Baumli said.

The proposition passed 352 to 272 making it one of the most voted on ballot topics.

Passing this proposition also makes it easier for those living in non-incorporated areas of Nodaway County to obtain home loans, Baumli said.

Though low turnout for local elections may always be a problem, unopposed ballots may be a thing of the past. The legislature just passed a bill allowing cities to not hold elections for unopposed races, which will save those cities money.

"In our little communities they have trouble finding people to run," Nodaway County Clerk Beth Walker said.

Plans for Central Dispatch underway

By Nichole Unger
Missourian Reporter

Third times a charm. Or is it? A plan is in the works again for Nodaway County and Maryville to join forces on their 911 services.

In 1991, the city first decided to create a 911 service for the city of Maryville. The county later followed, creating its 911 services in 2001.

The city paid for independent studies back in 2001 that surfaced recommendations for devising the 911 consolidation services, Director of Public Safety Keith Wood said.

So far, there have been two or three meetings discussing the program, and there is another meeting scheduled for April 11.

The central dispatch concept is in the air again due to the fact that the ambulance department is at the point where they need to renew their contract.

"I don't want people to think that we are trying to fix something. We just want to make things easier, and if it saves money in the process, that is great," Keith Wood, Director of Public Safety

said.

House Bill 1162 has come up in the last week relative to the 911 services. This bill has a lot of stipulations, but one of the stipulations is that cell phone companies pay the fee that land lines users pay.

"The world has changed dramatically with cell phones and the cell phone companies need to belly up and pay for it," Wood said.

The county has offered to build a new building, which will have a place inside of it for the new 911 consolidation program. If this idea is approved, then there will be a board of directors who will hire their own dispatchers, Pre-

siding Commissioner Joe Baumli said.

Kirkville, Mo. in Adair County adopted this central dispatch concept several years ago. Kirkville is very similar to Maryville. They both contain a university and have similar populations, but Kirkville has roughly 5,000 more people. The program is working great which gives Nodaway County and example to follow, Baumli said.

Whether or not the program will go into effect is still up in the air. However, within the next couple of months the city plans to break ground and begin building this new building.

The building plans to go up on Fourth Street and Market Street across from City Hall, Baumli said.

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Store offers food for body, soul

By Jared Bailey
Missourian Reporter

Electricity does not have to be sacrificed for simplicity.

Leland Yoder and his family are Mennonites, who, at their Galaxy Country Store, on Galaxy Road, break the misconceptions commonly given to their movement.

When customers walk into the store they do not find plows or ox yokes. They find shopping carts and a cash register. The shelves are not stocked with livestock feed but with Captain Crunch and Count Chocula. Inside Yoder's office there is a phone and a fax machine.

The sign at the front doors reads, "Please be modestly dressed before entering."

But as long as customers have a T-shirt and pants, they need not worry.

Yoder and his family opened the store on July 18, 2002. They moved to the area from Brookfield, Mo., with seven other New Witness of Christ families. The store does offer religiously-based cassette tapes and free devotional books, however, such items are an option and customers should not feel pushed, Yoder said.

"We try to feed their physical needs, as well as their spiritual needs," he said.

The store is stocked with regular groceries,

from microwavable dinners to sport drinks. There are some homemade pillows and some homegrown produce, but it still focuses on the usual items.

"What is attractive about this store is that it is a discount store," Yoder said. "We get it, and it is cheap."

Yoder's oldest son, Evan, is an eighth grader at Mount Moriah Mennonite Church. Evan works at the store and meets a variety of customers from northwest Missouri and southeast Iowa. He likes many of them but recognizes that he and they have differences.

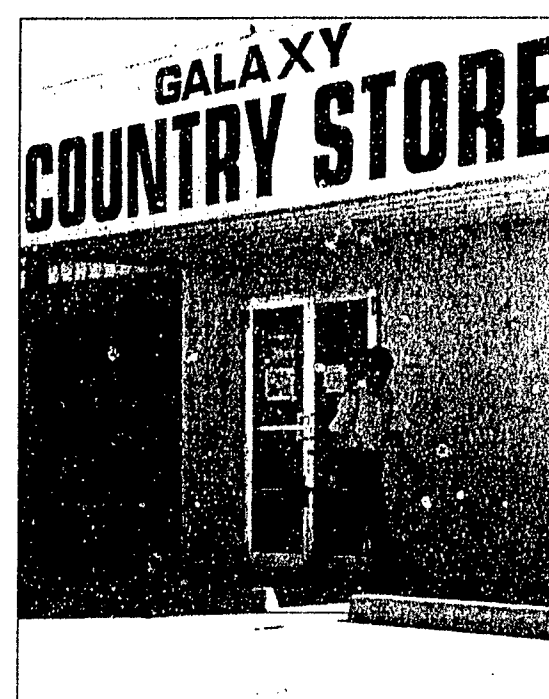
"It presents a challenge sometimes with new customers and relating to some people," Evan said.

Customer, Terri Bruce, shops at the Galaxy Country Store once or twice a week. She normally stocks up on soups and juices.

"The prices are cheap and the products are the same as other stores," Bruce said. "The people here are very nice, and they are helpful."

Galaxy Road is located just off U.S. Highway 71, heading west from Maryville. The store is open on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Whether people desire a message or a meal, the Galaxy Country Store is ready to



EVAN YODER, son of owner Leland Yoder, is seen leaving his father's store to clean up the outside. The Galaxy Country Store is a family-owned and operated business.

supply "food for the body" and "food for the soul," Yoder said.

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STOP BY TODAY

'Greek Sing,' service projects highlight Greek Week festivities

By Andrea James
Chief Reporter

Northwest's Greek organizations have fun and compete with each other while helping others in the process by collecting goods and cleaning the community.

Fraternities and sororities will participate in Greek Week, April 9 to 16, Greek Week co-chair Sarah Smith said. These Northwest students will feature an Olympiad, contests and community service projects.

"The purpose for Greek Week is for Greek unity and to do community service and philanthropic events," Smith said.

There are two community service projects planned and two philanthropic events. Greek members will participate in a golf tournament at Mozingo Golf Course, Saturday, April 14. The money raised will go to SSM Hospice, Smith said.

A casino night will also help

less fortunate children by collecting canned fruit or spaghetti sauce to be put into lunch boxes, she said.

Members of fraternities and sororities will also help clean Robertson Christ Trail and Shamberger Cemetery in Maryville, said Amy Nally, student affairs' volunteer services coordinator.

Volunteer services help clean these locations every year and it takes about three or four days to complete.

Even though helping others is the focus of Greek Week, the favorite event is Greek Sing, Smith said.

"It's more popular with the sororities and they have very intricate songs and dances," Smith said.

The men of Phi Delta Theta have put in at least 40 hours dedicated to Greek Sing, Northwest junior and member Wesley Miller said. They have won Greek sing for the past few years.

"We are probably the only fraternity to memorize our songs and dance. We even have costume changes," Miller said.

Greek Sing needs to be fun yet appropriate, he said. Participants sing about the inside jokes they have about the different sororities and fraternities. Even though fraternities and sororities can have fun and be creative with their songs, they are limited to what they can say.

"Each group has to submit their scripts and get them approved. If they go off the script they will be shut down," Miller said.

In addition, songs will be limited to seven or eight minutes in length and there will be no alcohol, drug or sexual references, Smith said.

Other events held during Greek Week include the Zeus and Hera contest, awards and a recreation night, she said.

During the Zeus and Hera contest, each Greek organization nominates one person, Miller said.

Those people participate in a talent show, question and answer portion and are judged on their togas. The king and queen of Greek Week will be chosen at this contest.

"Greek Week means Greek unity working together as one to make bigger and better organizations," Miller said. "We get to do fun activities like community service and show the Northwest community and the community of Maryville what we are about."

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Islam not that different

A few weeks ago I went on a 10-day tour of Egypt with 49 other Northwest students, professors and alumni.

On our last night in Cairo a small group of us were walking back to the hotel from a local shisha café. One group member stopped at a street vendor to purchase a copy of the Koran or Qur'an. It was about 8 p.m. and we were in a very non-tourist part of Cairo. The vendor couldn't believe one of these Americans actually wanted to buy it. On top of only charging \$5 for the book, when we tried to tip the man who translated for us, he refused and said:



Jessica Schmidt
Managing Editor

"When you read... read with your mind, and maybe you can make a difference."

I'm not for sure if it is the mainstream media that projects these images that all Muslims are extreme fundamentalists, gun-wielding radicals, or if it was my personal take on what the American media shows, but after that night in Cairo I realized I knew nothing about Islam.

Modern Egypt is comprised of three main religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. In Egypt there are very few Jews, about 10 million Christians and about 60 million Muslims, which comprise about 82 percent of the country, according to Egyptologist, Muslim and our tour guide, Hesham Elsayad.

Islam when translated into English means (peaceful) submission. Being raised Missouri-Synod Lutheran; I was amazed to find Muslims actually have a few things in common with Judaism and Christianity.

Like Judaism and Christianity, Islam claims its roots in Abraham's line of the Old Testament. Judaism and Christianity believe Jesus and Moses descended (or will descend) from Abraham's son, Isaac. Muslims believe Mohammed descended from Abraham's eldest son, Ishmael. Most

Muslims also believe in the virgin birth of Jesus as a prophet of Allah or God. Although the Koran mentions Jesus' story, it is an almost complete departure from what Christians believe.

Muslims follow five pillars or principles. One, they witness one god, or Allah. Two, they must pray five times throughout the day and night. Local mosques broadcast the call for prayer in towns and cities. Some Muslims abandon what they are doing and pray on a rug facing Mecca. Today not all Muslims interrupt their workday, and they can pray without the prayer rug and without kneeling.

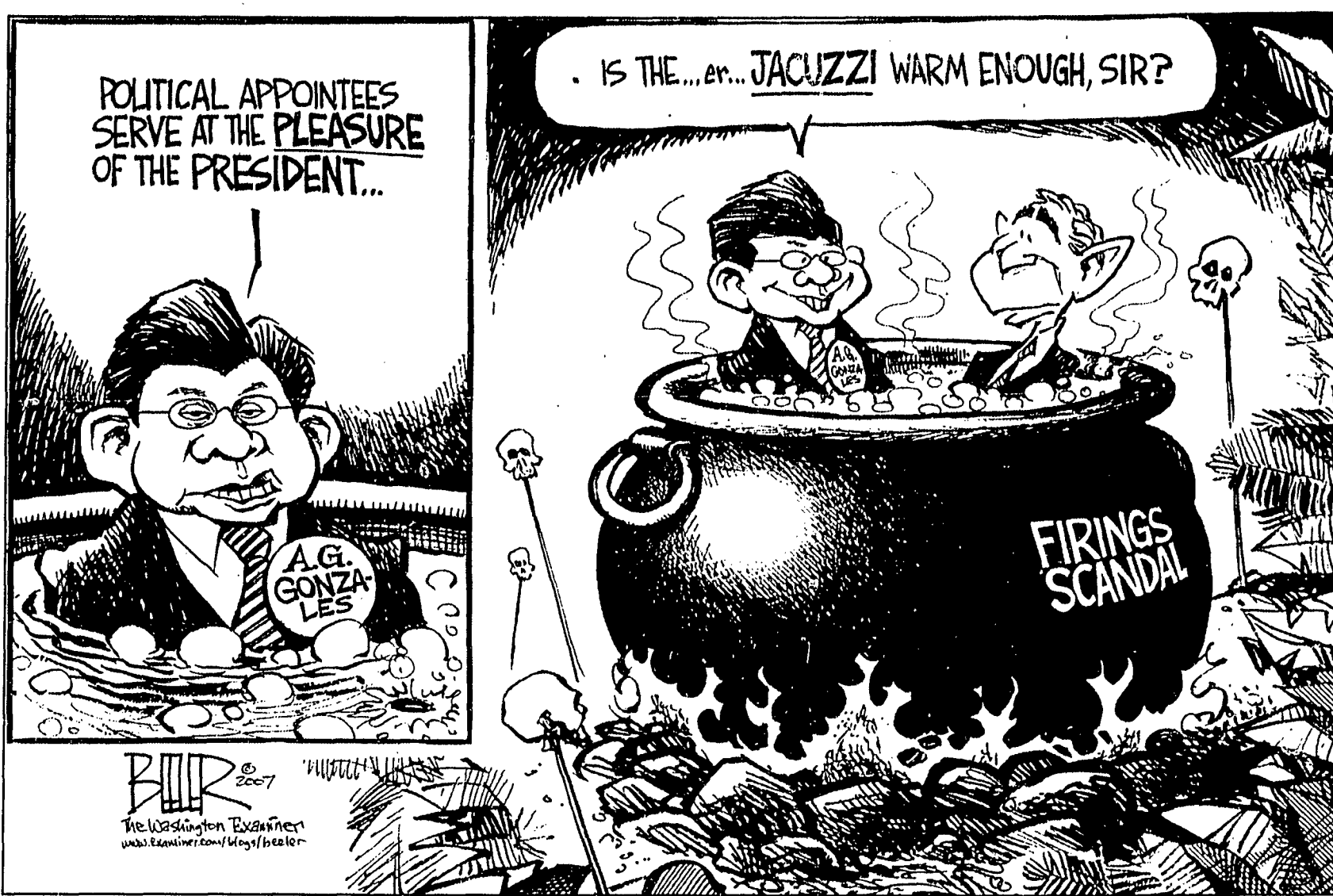
Three, starting at the age of 12 they must fast for one month during Ramadan. Four, they must give alms, or some of their income away to charities, Mosques, etc. Finally they must make the trip to Mecca, or the Hajj, sometime in their life if they are in good health. This trip typically costs \$7,000 per person and nearly 3.5 million make the trip every year, according to Hesham.

Despite following all of these principles a Muslim is still not guaranteed heaven. They must also have a good relationship with their fellow man.

Often the American media refers to the attacks on western countries by Islamic extremists as a personal jihad or holy war endorsed by the Koran. This is an extremist view and Hesham explained a doctor can practice a jihad by giving free or reduced price services to poor patients. It does not have to be an actual "war" against those who do not believe.

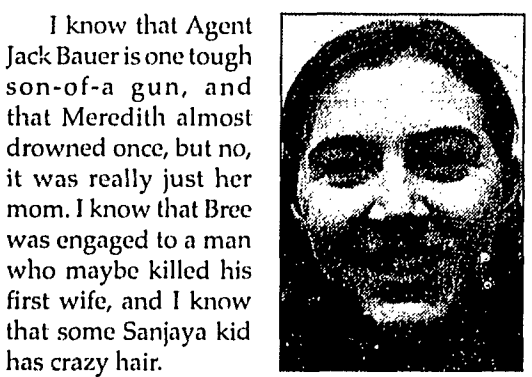
Of course there are many other facets to Islam, and I would address them if I had the space.

But if my trip to a Muslim country taught me anything, it taught me perhaps we do not always get the best impression of the Muslim world.



—MYVIEW

Reporter disgusted with TV



Whitney Keyes
Chief Reporter

I know that Agent Jack Bauer is one tough son-of-a gun, and that Meredith almost drowned once, but no, it was really just her mom. I know that Bree was engaged to a man who maybe killed his first wife, and I know that some Sanjaya kids has crazy hair.

The thing is, I don't watch TV. I have never watched a single episode of any of these shows. "24," "Grey's Anatomy," "Desperate Housewives"—I could care less. And don't even get me started on "American Idol."

Call me crazy, but I just have no interest in these shows. Thanks, but I have my own life. Maybe my life isn't full of maybe murderers or week-long marriages,

but it is really necessary for the world to get caught up in these fictional characters?

I mean, don't you think it's getting a little out of hand when I can't eat dinner with my friends on Sunday nights, because "Desperate" is on?

"No thanks, real people are out there. I'll just watch my show instead."

Or how about sorority girls complaining that their social mixers are at 8 p.m. on a Thursday? Seriously social time, don't you know that that is sacred time—McDreamy time?

Don't get me wrong, I have my one show. Interrupt me during "Prison Break," and I'll be very unhappy. In fact, I postponed writing

this until my show was over. But if you ask me to hang out on a Monday, chances are, I will. I'd much rather hang out with you than sit in my room, with my feet propped up, biting my nails over whether or not Michael Scofield will get away.

As a college student, I realize that Facebook is the almighty, so I take it pretty seriously. And on Facebook, while looking at my friends' profiles, I scroll through their groups. You know, trying to find out what groups they are in, what they like to do, such and such.

So, one profile I'm browsing has the group "Grey's Anatomy is the BOMB DIGGITY!!!!!!" All right, cool, one more thing we don't have in common. The next group is called "Omaha Youth Against Abortion." I was like, "What? That person is back on the good list. But then, I saw the ultimate group—"Bug me during Grey's Anatomy and I'll insert

Just make sure you tell me when we're hanging out, without a TV.

—MYVIEW

Editor learns many lessons despite leaving party early

"You know, Stephanie, leaving college in four years is like leaving a party at 10:30."

A friend once told me this, and while part of me clucked and said, "touché," the other part of me is glad I am busting out of this joint. Nearly everyone graduating in April is torn between wanting to become an adult with their "big kid job" and staying around for more of the boozing and sleeping until noon.

Regardless, one thing is for sure: I wish I knew then what I know now. So here's a few tidbits of advice for those of you just starting



Stephanie Stangl
Editor in Chief

ing the party or who are "Van Wildering" it up and have been pursuing an undergraduate degree for the same amount of time most people take to get doctorates.

1. Network, network, network. Did I mention network? People told me this throughout the entirety of my collegiate career and I scoffed. I'm not even sure I knew what they were talking about.

2. Clean up your act and your Facebook. This just in: potential employers often scout out Facebook and other online directories

it comes to getting a great job. While you're at it get internships. Without my internship at the Arthritis Foundation last summer in St. Louis, I would most likely not have a job right now after college.

Now, I'm not saying everyone who has an internship is guaranteed finding a job right away because I have friends who have had multiple and still struggle to get jobs. Hey, it's a tough world. But why make it any tougher by not getting an internship to set yourself apart from the 300 other people who want the job you're applying for?

3. Grades don't really matter that much. I know, the University, professors and parents are going to hate me, but I wish I would have known how virtually unimportant grades are in the grand scheme of things. My new boss didn't even comment on my 3.8 GPA even though I listed it proudly on my resume. She didn't even ask even though I dutifully went to every

and social networks to find out information about applicants. Employers may raise an eyebrow to keg stands, girls kissing girls and your half-naked body in Cabo San Lucas last Spring Break—raise an eyebrow and throw your application away. To make matters worse, now anyone can join Facebook, not just college and high school students.

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class my first three years here even when the temperature was 75 degrees in the spring time and almost everyone else was outside taking a walk or playing Frisbee. But it's true: C's get degrees. Now, this slightly changes if you are trying to get into the grad school of your choice, then grades matter—a lot. I guess what I'm saying is there is so much more you can gain from your college experience than obsessing over your grades.

I also wish I would have known not to dress up freshman year because all the seniors will undoubtedly laugh their asses off at you and your short skirt and plaided-on makeup. Another thing is while I gained the Freshmen 5, the Freshmen 15 is really the Freshmen 30 or 45 for some

people if you make Domino's the staple of your diet and don't ever leave your dorm.

And last, but definitely not least, I wish I wouldn't have cursed spending so much time in Wells Hall basement working at the *Missourian*. As it all comes to an end, it was worth every minute and every agonizing minute of deadline because I not only got a job after college as a result of the *Missourian*, I met some of the most amazing people. I have never laughed more and had more fun with such a group of talented and awesome individuals.

And while I would have liked to stay at the party a little longer, I feel like I've had enough fun and alcohol to leave this fiesta with a smile.

CAMPUSTALK

What are your plans for Easter?



"My mom usually hides gifts around the house and we have an Easter egg hunt at my Grandma's."
Megan Tilk
Journalism



"We go to church and put on our new Easter clothes, then that night we dye eggs."
John Bullock
Psychology



"Easter falls on my birthday every seven years so everyone comes to celebrate that and Easter."
Amy Lehman
Non-traditional



"We go to church Sunday morning and we do an egg hunt, then we go to my grandparents' and eat and have an egg hunt again."
Brandon Moore
Entrepreneurial Business



"We have a huge Easter egg hunt and eat pie."
Holly Ramoekker
Bio Psychology

Events planned to raise sexual assault awareness

By Andrea James
Chief Reporter

In 1999, an Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction based on the fact that the woman was wearing jeans while she was attacked.

The court said that since jeans are difficult to remove, and an attacker wouldn't be able to remove them while the woman was struggling, the woman must have given consent. This event gave inspiration for "Denim Day" during Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The Lighthouse Project, Collegiate Coeds for Change, and the University Wellness Center will hold events throughout April to raise awareness and educate others on the effects of sexual assault.

"These events will help people learn more about the resources available and let them know that if they, or a friend, needs help, we are here," Wiedmer said.

In addition to "Denim Day" on April 11, "A Day to End Sexual Violence" will be held on April 5, "The Clothesline Project" on April 16 and "Lighting the Way" on April 17, where a candlelight vigil will be held to honor victims of sexual assault crimes.

"Denim Day" is celebrated by having students and faculty wear denim to support victims of sexual violence, Wiedmer said. Faculty members will wear buttons that say, "Why Denim?"

During "A Day to End Sexual Violence," volunteers will pass out teal ribbons in J.W. Jones Student Union, she

said. Students and others can receive general information about programs that are offered at Northwest.

Some programs featured are information on interventions, victim advocacy services and counseling offered by the Lighthouse Project, Wiedmer said.

"We want to raise awareness on sexual violence and educate both men and women in a way that will change their attitudes," Wiedmer said.

The project started after receiving a federal grant from the Department of Justice in September 2005, she said. Members of the project work with Campus Safety, judicial affairs, residential life and the counseling center to assess the needs of Northwest students.

Members are an important component to fight sexual assault, said

Elizabeth Wood, Counseling Center director of counseling services.

"Campus Safety is really good with the students. Sometimes the victims are scared to approach an officer, but the officers don't push and they are really compassionate," Wood said.

The "Clothesline Project," was originally held to help people cope or heal from their experiences by writing their feelings on T-shirts, Wiedmer said. It is also a way to inform the public about sexual violence against women.

"As sad as it is, it happens on campus. We want to train students on how to prevent things like this from happening. In Maryville it's easy to let your guard down," Wood said. The good thing about these events is to let people know that it is not hidden and that it is OK to talk about it."

Winning 1904 Kentucky Derby horse bred by former Maryville resident

By Dominic Genetti
Senior Reporter

The year was 1904. While the world gathered in St. Louis for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, better known as the World's Fair, many were gathering in Louisville for the legendary Kentucky Derby horse races.

The winner that year was a strong Thoroughbred by the name of Elwood. While the jockey was male, the horse's owner was a woman—marking the first time a woman owner won the Kentucky Derby.

However, what many don't know is that Elwood was bred and raised by Emma Prather, a native and longtime resident of Maryville.

Emma Prather was born Emma Holt and married James Prather, whose family made their way to Nodaway County from Kentucky said Tom Carneal of the Nodaway County

Historical Society.

"By 1891 when he (James) died, they owned land west and north of the University," Carneal said. "Where Country Club (Road) is now and Donaldson Park and all that was part of the Prather farm. Their home, according to Mr. Prather's will, sat at the end of Second Street."

Carneal said the family owned land as far north as 16th Street. "(James) will says his horses should be shipped to Louisville, Ky, and sold at auction," Carneal said. "The horses that Mrs. Prather bred to get that Kentucky Derby winner, according to the will, should've been sold to Louisville in 1891, but obviously those two weren't so she had to have them."

While Emma was the owner of the horse, Carneal said it is not known if she actually trained Elwood.

"We know that there was a black

horse trainer by the name of Prather," Carneal said.

Carneal said it is unknown if the trainer was a former slave. No records indicated the possibility.

Eventually making their way to Kentucky, Emma as the breeder and Elwood took part in the festivities for the races with Elwood going all the way.

"The 1904 Kentucky Derby stats say that she was from Maryville, but we know that somewhere along the way, don't have an exact date, she went to Boston to live with a daughter that was back there," Carneal said.

Records show that Emma died in Boston, but was brought back to Maryville for burial. Today she lies in Oak Hill Cemetery.

While there is no large local acknowledgement for Emma, home is being paid on recent state quarters. "On the back of the Kentucky quarter, they have a southern-style

mansion, a picket fence and a horse, and according to the state record that's put on the Internet, that is to symbolize Elwood," Carneal said. "They want to honor the Kentucky Derby by choosing that horse. They honored the Kentucky Derby and they honored women."

To have this silent acknowledgement in the history of the county has Mike Steiner, also of the Nodaway County Historical Society, commenting on its significance.

"Anybody who has done something significant locally, of course, is important to the community," Steiner said. "I think a lot of people in Maryville today aren't aware of the important role this community has played in equestrian history."

Steiner also said that it is important to recognize that a lot of communities like Maryville have made significant contributions to all sorts of things without being cities.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

March 14
Ari Elino, Mo. subject reported a theft from a business in Elmo.

March 15
A Maryville subject reported property damage to his vehicle.

March 16
Aisha Smith, 23, Maryville, was arrested on a DeKalb County warrant.

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Officers responded to an accident at Fox Road in Maryville.

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Maryville teen prepares for state pageant

By Dominic Genetti
Senior Reporter

Last summer at the Nodaway County Fair she stood in front of thousands of people and sang her heart out.

Since then, she's moved on to become Miss Southern Missouri Outstanding Teen, but come this summer she'll be competing in the state pageant for the title of Miss Missouri Outstanding Teen.

However, this is nothing new for 16-year-old Katie Kelly, she's been involved with pageants since her youth.

"Whenever I was about five I kept asking my mom about it," Kelly said. "I just remember seeing on TV and everything and you're like, 'Oh, I wish I was that person.'"

A year later at the age of 6, Kelly entered in the Little Miss Northwest Pageant and came in second place.

Kelly recalls her mother, Nancy Kelly, and her reaction preceding the competition.

"She didn't think I was serious about it until after that pageant," Katie said. "So she put me in another one the next year and I got second place again."

Katie got used to being the runner up. Within the next four years, Katie got second place four times.

"As a mother it's a lot of work and when you finally get to sit down in the audience, it's pretty exciting," Nancy said.

Each show has a level of preparation according to Katie, interviews with the judges play a role in how one finishes.

"You're just sitting in front of a judge panel, like four people," Katie said. "The whole time you're talking, they're sitting there judging every word you say and how you act

ENROLLMENT: New Hudson and Perrin Halls already filled

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Despite the new buildings, Baker said the same process would take place in room assignments.

Rooms are assigned on a first come, first serve basis and Baker said those who turn in their housing applications early will go through that process in July.

Hudson and Perrin Hall's installment to Northwest housing allows for more room in the current high rises. However, Baker said a large incoming freshmen class causes for a backup plan.

"If this year's freshmen class was the same size as last year's freshmen class, we would've expected to use Hudson, all of Dietrich, all of Millikan and about half of Phillips," Baker said. "Then Franken, we wouldn't have any freshmen in and it would've been half empty, but because this class is going to be so large, we're going to use the rest of Phillips Hall and even a floor or two in Franken."

The new housing, which will neighbor Roberta Hall, will be connected by several bridges. Baker said

the new halls will be similar to South Complex.

"There is five to six rooms that share one bathroom and the bathroom will have a job so only the people who are assigned to that bathroom can use it," Baker said. "Our freshmen housing, we always want students to leave the room to use the restroom and they would have to go next to someone else they don't know, we think that's a huge part of getting the college experience and getting out of your room."

The new halls will share a community building with one front desk and a basement supplied with a laundry room, classroom area, TV room and vending area, Baker said.

Even though not all of the students who are accepted will come to the University, Schenkel said the freshmen will come in large numbers.

"About 72 percent of our freshmen class will be from Missouri, the remainder of them are obviously from out of state, primarily Iowa and Nebraska," Schenkel said. "The growth that we have seen has primarily been in the Missouri market."

ASBESTOS: Wells Hall roof to be repaired this summer

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real concern, Walk said.

Along with the roof, caps trimming the roof were caulked with asbestos contained caulk and will also be replaced.

Air monitors will be placed on the roof when the asbestos is taken out, which when removed will be placed in bags and taken to a hazardous waste bin, Duval said.

While the asbestos is being taken care of, a consulting firm and contractor will watch to make sure it is removed properly, Duval said.

No special gear will be worn to remove the asbestos, since it is not hazardous.

"It's hard like a rock," Duval said.

No date or budget is set for the

roof repair yet, said Ray Courter, vice president of finance and support services.

However no exact date is set, Wells Hall faculty and staff hope it will be in July, which is when they are hoping to begin, Duval said.

Other buildings throughout campus have non-friable pieces of asbestos and will eventually be taken care of, Duval said.

The Wells Hall roof's warranty was several years past and could not be patched up anymore, Duval said, explaining another reason for its repair.

If anyone has questions about asbestos at home, in the workplace or would like to have a piece of material tested, they can contact Walk at 562-1475 for more information and proper handling.

EGYPT: Editor continues depicting 10-day journey abroad

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think you are here in the middle of it. At least Egypt is trying to make their tourists feel safe, but you have to wonder what it will take for them to enforce the metal detectors.

That afternoon we take a felucca ride around on the Nile. These are small sailboats and we take one manned by Nubians. Nubians are native to southern Egypt and northern Sudan and some live on the banks of the Nile near Aswan. Some consider them to be the first human race on earth and to this day they are threatened by flood and tribal restrictions that they must marry within their tribes.

The felucca ride was at sunset so the view was stunning. The sailors later asked us to sing the Northwest fight song. I think we may be the first and perhaps, only, people to "grace" the Nile with the Bearcat Fight Song.

After dinner we were treated to native Nubian dancers and participated in the typical cruise ship congo line. The Nubian dancers remind me a lot of American Indian dance rituals.

Wednesday, March 21
Granite, Dams and A Night Train
We are still docked at Aswan. Today we visited the Aswan quarry, where an unfinished obelisk lies, and the Aswan High Dam. The view from the granite and limestone quarry of Aswan was incredible. It is interesting to see another side of Egyptian cities besides Cairo. The Aswan High Dam was also amazing to see, it really is an architectural wonder. It's 3,800-meters long and one kilometer thick at its base. Construction began in 1952 and our guide, Hesham Elsayad, explained some of the advantages and disadvantages the dam has brought.

We also visited a monument symbolizing Egypt and the Soviet Union's friendship.

After dinner and some more shopping we go to the Night Train that will transport us to Cairo. I'm really sad to leave the ship; it is probably my favorite part of our trip so far. I'm not a fan of the Night Train. It's tiny and I'm carrying around 10 days worth of luggage and souvenirs.

Thursday, March 22

Jewels, Markets and Museums

I started out today hopping off a Night Train (it only stops for five minutes) and spending more money I don't have at a jewelry store in Cairo. On our way to the Citadel of Salah al-Din we drive past the City of the Dead, a present-day Muslim cemetery. More than 5 million homeless live here in the tomb rooms and are paid by the families to upkeep the tombs. The practice is illegal but tolerated with Egyptian society.

At the Citadel we tour Mohammed Ali's Mosque on the same day that the president's wife is there so security is much higher. It's probably the first time I've actually felt security was up to par with American standards. Going into a Muslim mosque is quite an experience. The decorations are amazing with gold gilded pulpits, altars and ceilings.

After lunch at McDonalds (and I was amazed to see they have the dollar menu or the five-pound menu) we shopped at the Khan al-Khalili Market.

Here I spent everything but my last \$18, but I was happy to help out the Egyptian economy. I think one of

the biggest things I will miss about Egypt are the markets.

Our final stop in Cairo was the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities. You could spend a week in here and not see everything. It was crazy how much stuff they had and also how disorganized it all was. Here we got to see the items that were removed from King Tut's tomb, including the golden mask. I was simply amazed by the volume of stuff they pulled out of these small rooms we saw earlier at the Valley of the Kings.

After the museum and a farewell dinner it was finally time to say goodbye to Egypt. I was sad to leave but also very tired. Because of weather delays and cheap flights we had nearly 12 hours worth of layovers, and traveled for over 35 hours straight. Driving home from things seemed so much different.

If architectural digs progress they way they have in Egypt, should I go back in 10 years I will probably be able to see even more that has been excavated. Although traveling to Egypt seems like a once in a lifetime opportunity, some time in the future I definitely want to go back.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER



LYNETTE TAPMEYER's second grade class displays one of four birdhouses they built during their Valentine's Day party. The class donated two of the houses, kept one and will raffie off the other.

FELONY: Case up in air

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Lyon stressed that whether or not Sundermann was impaired has not been determined and will not be until the final report is released. But initial testing done on the crash site couldn't prove that Sundermann had been impaired.

"If he's found to be intoxicated that will add to the magnitude of the charges," Lyon said. "He'd be a persistent offender."

Sundermann was arraigned on Tuesday and has a bond hearing set for next Tuesday. At that hearing, Bob Sundell, Sundermann's attorney, will ask that bond be reduced from \$25,000, Baird said.

"We're going to ask the court to release him," Sundell said. "He's three weeks away from graduation."

As for the possibility of new charges, they will deal with them as they come, Sundell said.

On the second-degree assault charges, Sundermann faces the possibility of serving seven years in prison and a \$5,000 fine if convicted.

Abrielle's mother Brenda, who was driving the vehicle, was unable to comment about the accident, but did say that she would meet with Baird later this week to discuss the charges.

Golfers set back
due to weather.
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—NW BASEBALL

Late inning dramatics propel Bearcats over rival Griffons. See B2 for full article

—COLUMN

It's baseball season.
Read some of our sports
staff opinions.
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—NW TRACK

'Cats on track



NORTHWEST FRESHMAN Lee Murdock competes in the 110 hurdles competition on Monday morning held at the Herschel Neil Track in Bearcat Stadium. Murdock finished the race in 17.04 seconds scoring a total of 620 points in the event.

Honeywell breaks 13-year school record; 2 women qualify for NCAA Championships

By Jared Verner
Missourian Reporter

It's been 13 years since Tasha Godreau set the Northwest school record with 4,617 points in the heptathlon.

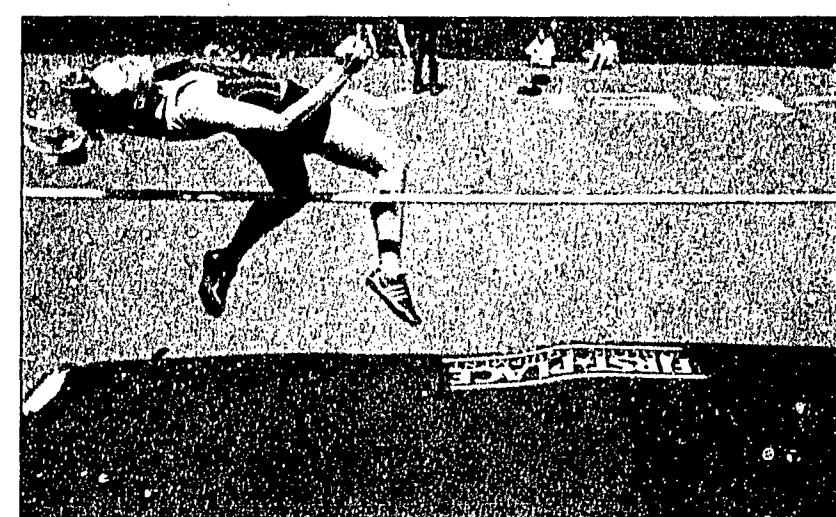
Since then, only one athlete has come within 500 points of the third-oldest field event record for women's track and field.

That came two years ago when Brandi Honeywell scored 4,136 at the Division II Classic. This past weekend, a season removed from competing unattached as a redshirt, Honeywell found a way to nuke up the remaining 481 points.

Honeywell scored 4,689 points to win the Ashley Nally Heptathlon for the second time and secure the Northwest heptathlon record. Her mark also provisionally qualified her for the NCAA Outdoor Championships, held May 24-26 at Charlotte, N.C.

"(It the record) was definitely a goal," Honeywell said. "I was really hoping to get it in the first time out at the Northwest home meet. I knew everything had to come together in day one and day two."

She won the 110-meter hurdles and 200-meter dash in the first day of events to lead athletes with 2,918 points after four events. Her 25.48 seconds in the 200 meters was a new



JUNIOR BRANDI Honeywell competes in the High Jump competition on Sunday afternoon held at Herschel Neil Track in Bearcat Stadium. Honeywell scored a total of 2,918 points to take a 131-point lead after day one of the Ashley Nally Heptathlon on Sunday.

overall personal record.

"I knew it (the 200-meter) felt really good," Honeywell said. "I didn't know it would be that good."

Sophomore Emily Churchman also provisionally qualified with a personal record 4,443 points in a runner-up performance. Freshman Johanna Avilez topped 4,000 points for the first time in her career and sophomore Jennifer Kiss improved her personal record by over 500 points.

"I'm happy with all four of our

heptathletes," said women's head coach Scott Lorek. "We got best point totals out of all of them."

The men, competing in the Herschel Neil Decathlon, were led by freshman Lee Murdock with 5,094 points in a fourth-place finish. Freshman Patrick Shaw finished sixth with 4,317 points.

"I'm happy that they all got through the decathlon," said men's head coach Richard Alsop. "They were worn out. I don't think they realized how tired they would be."

Junior Courtland Ingram, an

All-MIAA performer in the event last season, was fourth in the meet after day one with 3,273 points, but continuing issues with a muscle in his upper back thigh prevented him from competing in the second day of events.

"He's been having that hip problem on and off this year," Alsop said. "He didn't compete at Pittsburg (State) and after the (indoor) conference championships."

The 110-meter hurdles, the first event of the second day, has been the event where the muscle has flamed up, Alsop said. Alsop and the trainers decided to lean on the side of caution.

"I wish Corky could have gone ahead and gone the whole way, but its best not to push it since we have conference championships in four weeks," Alsop said.

Both teams gear up for another weekend at home, hosting the Annual Northwest Collegiate Open on April 7. The meet, expected to attract 10 teams, will begin at Bearcat Stadium at 10 a.m.

Alsop said it's exciting for athletes to have friends and family, who don't get to travel to meets, come to see them compete in a home environment.

"A lot of our kids have friends all

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—NW BASEBALL



NORTHWEST CATCHER Ryley Westman (left) and first baseman Britt Westman (right) have been teammates for three years and lead the Bearcats in several offensive categories this season including RBIs, doubles, and slugging percentage. Ryley leads the team in batting average, and Britt has never missed a game in his three years of playing.

Swinging at record books

By Sam Robinson
Chief Reporter

Ryley Westman pulls down his facemask and crouches behind the plate, signaling the beginning of some of his final innings at Northwest.

Ninety feet away, his brother Britt stands at first base, waiting on the balls of his feet for the game's first pitch.

This is nothing new to the Westman brothers, who, with the exception of two games in Ryley's sophomore season, have manned those positions together in every game for nearly three years.

Not many things are guaranteed in life but it has been a forgone conclusion for as long as the Westmans have been Bearcat teammates that they will be on the field.

"We know they're going to be out there every day for us," coach Darin Lee said. "Their leadership speaks to the kind of people they are. They're very hard workers and very knowledgeable about the game and all those things combine into a great baseball package for us."

Always dependable for starts, Ryley and Britt have taken that a step further this season by leading the team in several offensive categories in their last season together and are entrenching themselves as the best set of brothers to ever don the green and white.

For the senior catcher and junior first baseman, baseball was

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—MHS BASEBALL

Preparing for conference showdown

By Scott Levine
Community Sports Editor

Thom Alvarez is ready for a repeat performance.

After seeing his Maryville baseball team storm past Lafayette 12-1, March 24, Alvarez is hoping for the same offensive outburst today against Cameron.

"I really didn't expect that," Alvarez said about his team's hitting. "We really spread out the hits."

But Alvarez guarded his optimism as the Spoofhounds face an athletic program one year removed from a state football championship today.

"We're expecting to play well, but they are always athletically good," Alvarez said. "But despite their athleticism, we're not scared of anybody."

Alvarez expects Matt Blackney on the mound against the Dragons. Although not the staff's No. 1 starter,

Blackney surprised the coaching staff during the "Hounds" latest victory.

Blackney allowed one run as the Lafayette bats mustered only one hit. Jesse LeMar finished the final inning with no hits or runs allowed.

"I didn't expect (Blackney) to go out there and do that," Alvarez said. "I fully expect him to again do a good job against Cameron."

During Blackney's last outing, the Maryville bats belted to an 8-0 lead after three innings. Tyler Oglesby knocked in four runs, while Andy Walter registered one RBI.

Five "Hounds" smacked two hits as Clay Talmadge tallied three runs. LeMar said five pitching during practice helped the team's hitting.

"We've been taking really good cuts," LeMar said. "We hope to play well against Cameron. They are real fast, but it will be a fight."

Maryville enters today's 4:30 p.m. home game at 1-0 in the conference.

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Turf, lights coming to Bearcat Stadium

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Coach Mel Tjeerdma said his team has been fortunate to avoid major weather issues while playing at Bearcat Stadium.

He also knows what it was like to see the field in poor condition after a major storm during the 1996 playoffs against Northern Colorado.

"We were the higher seed, but the game had to be played in Greeley (Colo.)," Tjeerdma said. "We had to go there because our field wasn't ready."

That may not be a problem any more after the Board of Regents approved a \$1.5 million plan for synthetic turf at Bearcat Stadium. Along with a new storm water pumping

system, the turf replacing the natural grass will be able to drain moisture from the field quickly.

"I think the greatest thing about this is the practice situation," Tjeerdma said. "Before, if it rained half an inch, I had to ask myself 'Do I practice outside or inside and if I practice outside, do I run the risk of ruining that practice field for the rest of the year?'"

The turf, which costs \$8 per square foot, has an approximate shelf-life of 15 years. Northwest officials said replacement turf would cost \$4 per square foot. Northwest is one of three MIAA schools still playing on

grass surfaces: Southwest Baptist, Truman State, which is considering the switch.

One of the concerns brought up about the turf was the risk of more injuries occurring with the new surface. A study conducted by West Texas A&M University showed "no appreciable difference" from grass to turf, Athletic Director Bob Boerigter said.

While the project is not aimed to benefit the football team exclusively, the turf will allow the University to hold soccer matches, baseball practice, softball practice, physical education classes and marching band practice

and competitions.

Northwest soccer coach Tracy Hoza said the team has been given an option to play on the turf next season or remain at their current location.

"We'll probably stay on grass for now," Hoza said. "We have a very nice field. But I think we will be able to adapt to the turf."

Along with the turf, lights will be put up around the stadium, allowing more flexibility for scheduling events. Boerigter did not confirm any night football games on next season's schedule, but said it was a possibility.

"It's our hope that we can turn this into a 365 day a year facility," Boerigter said.

Bidding for the project is underway and will be finished over the summer.

—NW TENNIS

Winning streak hits 7 matches

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

The Northwest men's tennis team continues its winning streak, while the women hope to begin one.

Saturday, the men extended their winning streak to seven games after an 8-1 win at St. Cloud State (Minn.). Daniel Usieto, Pablo Acebedo and Jake Saulsbury each won their matches in straight sets. Felipe Gennari and Lucas Arriaga, who holds the best doubles record on the team at 10-2, fell 8-5 to Kristopher Johnson and Tom Ronning.

"We've got a lot of experience here, so that helps us a lot," Northwest coach Mark Rosewell said.

Senior Chris Smith said the team's string of success is about "coming together as a unit."

"Coach Rosewell always tells us that we shouldn't get too high on a win and too low on a loss," Smith said.

On the women's side, Carolina Amaral, Lina Gomez, Veronica Castilla, Jordan Lipira and Lisa Pendrak won their matches in straight sets. Northwest's only loss came in singles competition when Emily Lindsay fell to Michelle Hall, 6-3, 7-6.

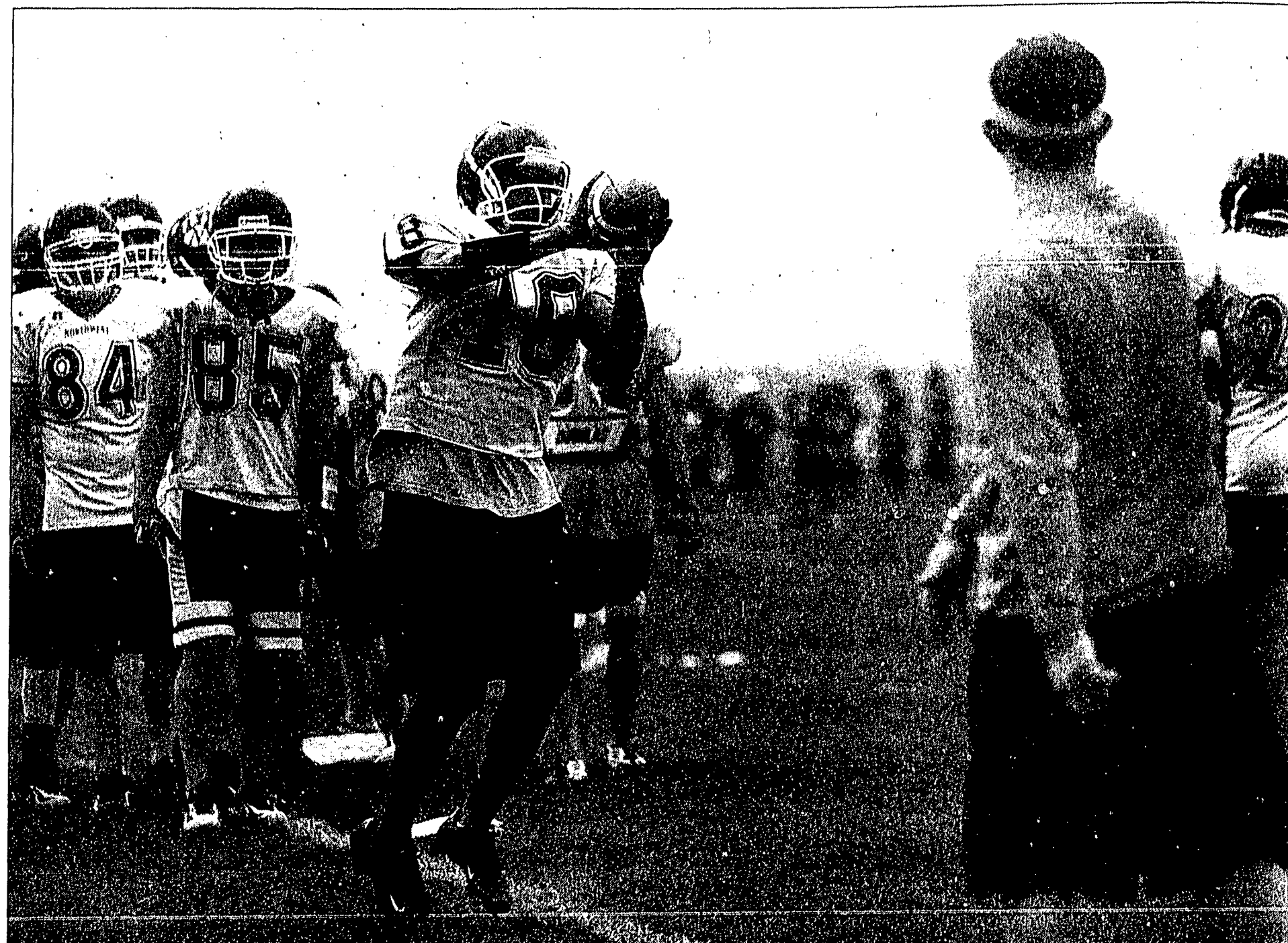
After starting out the season 3-3, the women have rebounded to a 7-5 record. Rosewell hopes this will be the start to a sustained winning streak.

"That's what we're hoping for," Rosewell said. "This is going to be a good weekend for us."

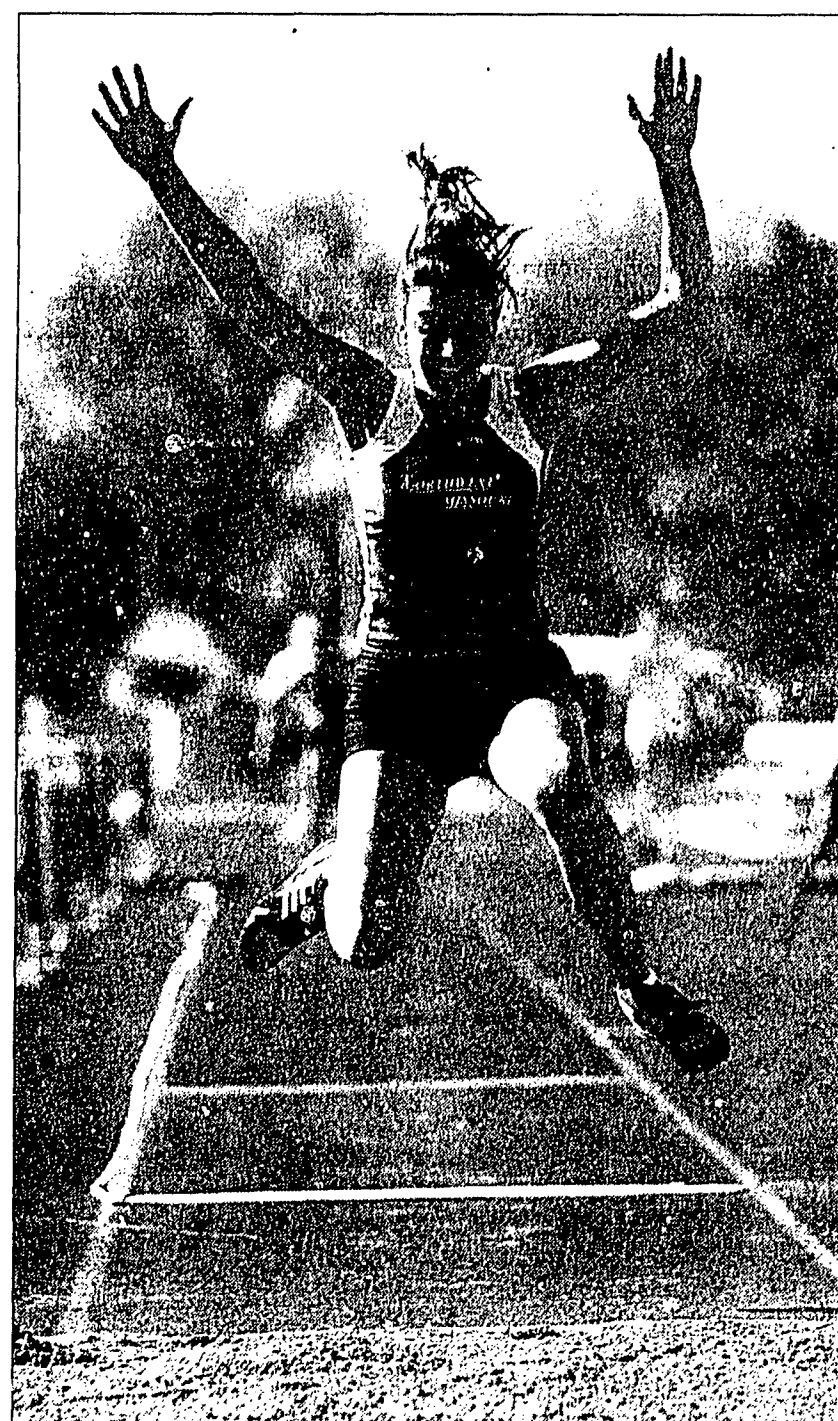
Beginning today against NAIA member Baker, the men will play three matches, while the women play five matches. For the women, they will play Midwestern State on April 7—a team they lost 8-1 at home, March 12.

"We play those LoneStar (conference) teams and they're usually pretty good. There will be some good competition," Rosewell said.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



NORTHWEST FOOTBALL players practice catching drills during practice last Tuesday on Northwest's practice field. The players are preparing for the spring game held on April 15.



TRACK: Skills on display for home crowd

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over campus in different majors and areas," Alsop said. "Their friends don't get to see them compete that much and showcase their abilities."

Freshmen athletes also get the chance to compete at a level that may not be always available.

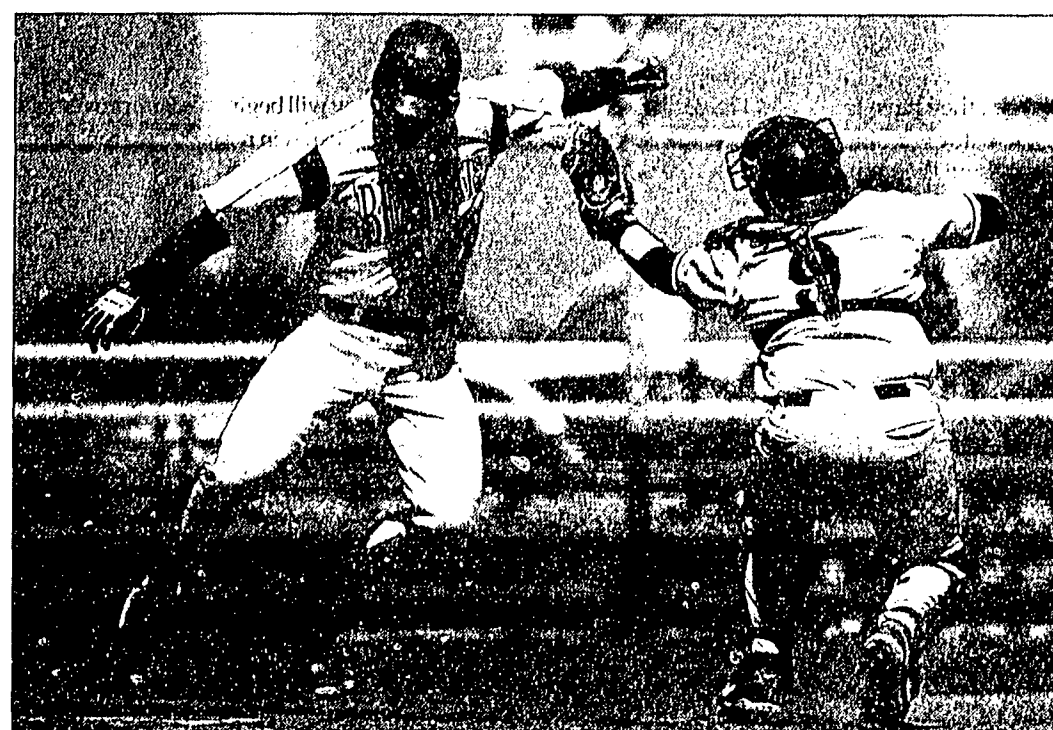
"You get to use more of them," Alsop said. "It gets tough and expensive to take everyone to all the meets away from home. So when you have a home, there's basically no expense."

Lorek said his athletes are excited, but it can be a lot more work for the coaching staff to operate an efficient meet.

"I think the athletes are always a little bit more up for a home meet," Lorek said. "Coaching-wise ... the bad side is we don't get to do a whole lot of coaching in a home meet. I think Coach Al and I will be doing all sorts of other stuff and we'll just have to hopefully catch some races and see how we did. That's the drawback, but otherwise it's great."

SOPHOMORE JENNIFER Kiss competes in the long jump on Monday morning held at the Herschel Nell Track in Bearcat Stadium. Kiss came in eighth place, jumping a distance of 4.54 yards and scoring 438 points in the event.

'Cats edge Griffons



NORTHWEST CATCHER Ryley Westman attempts to catch the extended arm of Missouri Western catcher Adrian Mercado in Wednesday afternoon game held at the Bearcat Baseball Field. Westman was tagged out on the play as he tried to score for the Bearcats.

Late inning play gives 'Cats win

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

In his third and fourth at-bats, Stevie Bush popped up two bunts. The third time was a charm for Bush.

His sacrifice moved John White to third and Todd Schonhoff's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth gave Northwest a 5-4 win in game one of a doubleheader against Missouri Western, Wednesday afternoon at Bearcat Field.

"This can't happen to me again," Bush said, talking about his mindset going into the at-bat. "It's not in my

nature to pop bunts up, so I was pretty frustrated with that."

Brandon Kirsch had two RBIs—both coming from a home run to left field. Ben Malick, Jake Bradshaw and Ryley Westman each had two hits.

Brian Lamers (5-2) earned the win in relief, going 5 1-3 innings, allowing no hits and striking out four.

"Normally he's a weekend starter. We didn't want to use him that long, but we had to. He did a great job and we were able to get it done," Loe said.

He replaced an ineffective Bill Diselhoff, who lasted 2-3 innings,

allowing four runs on 10 hits—tying his shortest outing of the season he set in his last start against Wayne State. Diselhoff struggled with control problems in the first two innings.

With Northwest (16-15, 9-4 MIAA) clinging to a 3-2 lead in the fourth inning, Western's Adrian Mercado doubled his career RBI total with a two-run double to give Western (13-14, 6-7 MIAA) a 4-3 lead.

Western's first error came when a wild pitch by reliever Everett Saul in the fifth inning brought home Ryley Westman to tie the game at four. Steve Reilly (0-3) took the loss for Western.

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Weather takes toll on golfers

'Hounds still on the lookout for elusive first victory

By David Lambie
Missourian Reporter

The cool wind was swirling as the Maryville boys' golf team hit the links at home Tuesday.

Despite the adverse weather conditions, the Spoofhounds could not get their first team win of the year against Mid-Buchanan. Both teams struggled because of the cold, windy weather, as Mid-Buchanan was able to win by seven strokes, 204-197.

Coaches from both teams agreed the match was not easy because of the weather, and 'Hounds head coach Brenda Ricks said it really affected the boys.

"The boys said that the last three holes that they couldn't feel their hands," Ricks said.

The meet's top two finishers came from Mid-Buchanan. Drew Gray was the top medal winner with a score of 45, followed closely by teammate Andrew Jass who scored a 47. Maryville's Luke Hendrix finished third with a 49. His teammates, Zack Jackson and Josh Hayes, finished in a tie for fourth with a score of 50.

Jackson hoped they could get past this day and look for better days to come.

"We're looking for our first win on the season," Jackson said. "We hope to improve before districts."

The 'Hounds also lost to Lafayette 182-166, March 29.

Lafayette's Zach Kerns-Poe was the top medalist, shooting an even par 36, followed by teammate Gunner O'Meara with a 37. Jackson was the highest scoring 'Hound, finishing third with a 38.

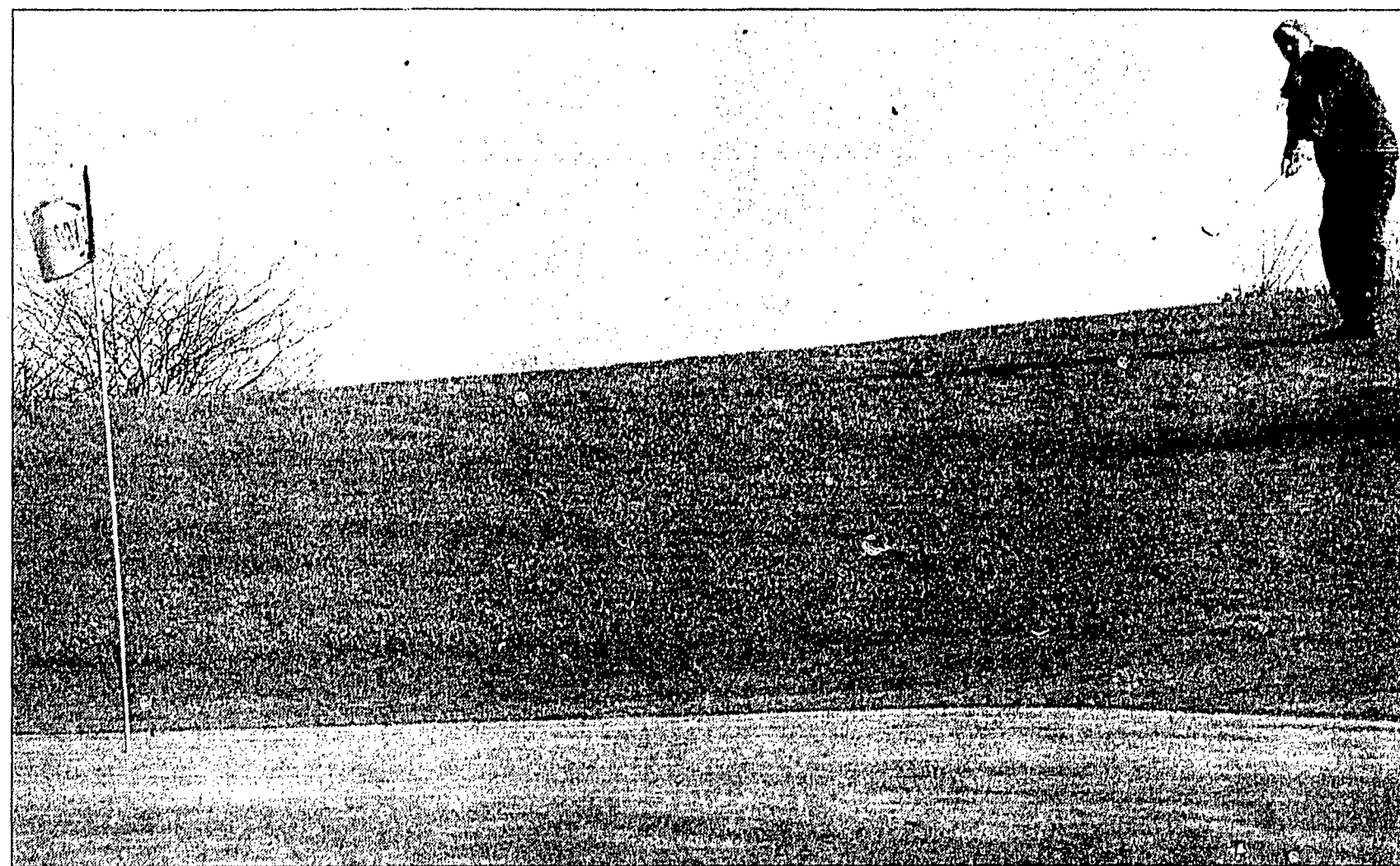
Ricks wants to learn from these past matches and keep building towards the future.

"We just need to keep on improving and get solid hits and focus on chipping and putting," Ricks said. "The short game is where you take the strokes off."

The 'Hounds will try to find that elusive first win when they play host to Benton and Savannah at 4 p.m. today, at Lake Mozingo Golf Course.

It won't be easy, coach Ricks said.

"Savannah is good," Ricks said. "They are going to be tough."



MARYVILLE SPOOFHOUND Drew Scott chips onto the green on hole two at Mozingo Golf Course. This was the Spoofhounds' first home match and their third match on the year. "This isn't a fun day, it's a day of survival," said Maryville golf coach Brenda Ricks.

Inexperience hurts 'Hounds

By Ashley Lovely
Missourian Reporter

After struggling to compete with the LeBlond Eagles, Maryville boys' tennis team lost Tuesday night 9-0. Spoofhound coach Robert Veasey explained that although every match played is a time to learn, they have to keep working if they want to overcome the inexperience throughout the team.

"We have one returning starter from last year, a sophomore and a freshman on the team," Veasey said. "Nothing went wrong against LeBlond, the boys tried hard, but tennis requires a lot of high skill."

Because the Maryville school system lacks tennis facilities and exposure at a young age, most of the boys struggle to compete with other schools that have members who grew up with tennis their whole life, Veasey said.

"The University holds summer camps, which is about the only exposure the team gets," Veasey said. "Exposure to the game is the biggest thing. We need to keep working and playing every day to get these guys experience."

Veasey explained that to prepare for their next match, the 'Hounds will be working on their serves as well as being more consistent.

"If we win or lose, it's still working towards the ultimate goal of becoming better," Veasey said. "The team's doing well and if they continue to work hard they will begin to see improvements. If we can win matches, we will see small improvement over a long period of time, that's the game."

Maryville will continue working on improving as they play at 4:30 p.m. today at home against Benton.

Girls capture another title

By Scott Levine
Community Sports Editor

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb. — This outcome is becoming common for the Maryville girls' track team.

The team completed its third title in four years at the Nebraska City Invitational Tuesday. With 113 1/2 points, the Spoofhounds edged Plattsmouth's second place total of 108.

Maryville coach Grant Hageman was pleased with his team's performance.

"We thought if we competed like we knew we could, that we would win this meet," Hageman said. "We are confident, and we came together well."

Hageman said the team ran well in spite of the inclement weather conditions. Despite the wind chill dipping below 30, Hageman said some team members recorded personal bests.

"The times weren't great for everyone, but I was surprised in some people in the cold weather," Hageman said. "They are mentally tough and didn't let the weather affect them."

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registered 54 points combined. Guess placed first in the 100 hurdles, second in the triple jump and third in the high jump. Stiens, a freshman, finished first in the 300 hurdles and second in the 100 hurdles.

Stiens' performance surprised Hageman.

"Stiens has really come on for us," Hageman said. "She's only a freshman but has been a really good surprise for us as we battle some injuries."

The 'Hounds are battling two injuries with Maddie Myers and Kendra Coulter on the shelf. Hageman expects both to return next week.

Maryville's Jenny Zweifel completed the highest individual placings for the 'Hounds. Sears notched a second place finish in the long jump, while Swinford placed second in the 100 at 11.2 and third in the 200 at 24.4.

"I didn't think we competed as well as we could have," Holt said. "A couple of teams separated themselves, and we should be able to compete with those teams."

Maryville's 4 x 400 and 4 x 100 relay teams were the other second-place finishers.

Both teams return to action at 4 p.m., April 10, at home. This is the season's first of three home meets.

BROTHERS: Duo leads way in last season together

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readily available early as their father, a former pitcher for Northwest, channeled a bit of Kevin Costner's on-screen magic for his sons.

"He had built a baseball field on our property," Ryley said. "We live in the country on about five acres and an acre of it he turned into a baseball field that had a backstop and bases and all that stuff. It was pretty cool."

Ryley and Britt took to the game immediately, enjoying competitive play at age 6. However, when it came time for Britt to join his brother at Smithville High School in 2000, his path was altered a bit. Ryley was already an all-conference catcher as a freshman and Britt was forced to switch the position he had played throughout little league, but he understood the decision.

"I moved to first because I have a horrible arm," Britt said, laughing. "He was definitely a better catcher."

Britt adapted easily to his new position, earning four consecutive All-Midland Empire Conference honors while being named second team all-state in Class 3A in his junior and senior seasons.

Ryley was no slouch himself, making first team all-state in his final two. During their high school seasons together, Britt, who leads the 'Cats in homers, always had a better batting average, while Ryley, the current average leader, blasted more round-trip shots.

Upon arriving at Northwest, Ryley was a rare true-freshman starter his first spring, finding his name on the lineup card early in the season. Though he would hit only 248, his defensive prowess would make him a permanent fixture from then on.

Britt, following in his father and brother's footsteps, considered other options but saw Northwest had a glaring opening at first base.

"The thing that appealed to me about Northwest was the first baseman graduating so I had a chance to start my freshman year. If I would've gone D-I, I probably would've sat for two years and would've never saw the field."

Britt's decision was wise as he once again followed his brother by becoming a true freshman starter. He hit .325 from the cleanup spot and began his iron man streak by starting every game that season for a Northwest record. Ryley, not to be outdone by his little brother in his first year, improved dramatically at the plate, batting

.369 and was named second team All-MIAA.

Following a subpar 2006 at the plate, Ryley has resurrected his bat and leads the team in average (.364), hits (40) and doubles, with nine. After three years of dwelling near the bottom of the batting order, he now bats fourth, behind his brother, for the first time since high school, and couldn't be happier about it.

"I'd always hoped to (hit higher in the order). "It used to take forever and a day to get up to bat," he said, chuckling. "I'd sometimes be hitting in the third inning."

Britt leads Northwest in homers with five and in slugging percentage at .606. Both constantly seek each other's counsel with each ready, though sometimes reluctantly, to lend a hand.

"He's the first person I go to if my swing's struggling," Ryley said. "Half the time he gets annoyed with me because I'm usually asking (for his help) every day because my swing changes hourly."

Both are chasing Bearcat career milestones as Ryley ranks second in career doubles, fourth in hits and third in games played. Britt moved into the top 10 in doubles this season and his consecutive games streak is at 138 and counting as he is on pace to shatter that career mark next season.

The team now stands second in the MIAA and Ryley believes the talent is there to go further than they have gone in his tenure.

"I'd love to see our team win conference and I know we can," he said. "If I could wish everything I'd like to win conference and go to a regional."

After they finish carving their names into Northwest's record books, both said they would love to continue playing but don't know if the opportunity will arise.

With the last innings of six years and hundreds of games played together winding down, Britt will miss the times together off the field most.

"The biggest thing I'll miss is just being able to hang out with him all the time at the ballpark or away from the ballpark," he said.

Ryley echoed his brother's sentiments as he'll remember the camaraderie the most.

"It's been a pretty fun atmosphere coming out here," he said. "Not only being around guys that are like my brothers but being around my actual brother and being able to take the field with him every day."

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SPORTSBRIEF

Soccer girls shoot past Auburn

The Maryville girls' soccer team came away with a 4-3 win over Auburn (Neb.), Tuesday afternoon.

Tied 3-3, Emily Felton gave the Spoofhounds the lead for good with eight minutes left in the game. Felton finished with two goals in the game.

Tara Barnmann and Shayna Waszil each had one goal.

Auburn opened up with a 2-0 lead and would take a 2-1 halftime lead after a goal by Felton.

Maryville returns to the field against Benton at 4 p.m. April 10, on the road.

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Midwest Region:

- Florida (1) vs. Jackson St. (16)
- Arizona (8) vs. Purdue (9)
- Butler (5) vs. Old Dominion (12)
- Maryland (4) vs. Davidson (13)
- Notre Dame (6) vs. Winthrop (11)
- Oregon (3) vs. Miami (Ohio) (14)
- UNLV (7) vs. Georgia Tech (10)
- Wisconsin (2) vs. Texas A&M CC (15)

West Region:

- Kansas (1) vs. Niagara (16)
- Kentucky (8) vs. Villanova (9)
- Virginia Tech (5) vs. Illinois (12)
- Southern Ill. (4) vs. Holy Cross (13)
- Duke (6) vs. VCU (11)
- Pittsburgh (3) vs. Wright St. (14)
- Indiana (7) vs. Gonzaga (10)
- UCLA (2) vs. Weber St. (15)

South Region:

- Ohio St. (1) vs. C. Conn. St. (16)
- BYU (8) vs. Xavier (9)
- Tennessee (5) vs. Long Beach (12)
- Virginia (4) vs. Albany (13)
- Louisville (6) vs. Stanford (11)
- Texas A&M (3) vs. Penn (14)
- Nevada (7) vs. Creighton (10)
- Memphis (2) vs. North Texas (15)

East Region:

- North Carolina (1) vs. Eastern Ky. (16)
- Marquette (8) vs. Michigan St. (9)
- Southern Cal (5) vs. Arkansas (12)
- Texas (4) vs. New Mexico St. (13)
- Vanderbilt (6) vs. G. Washington (11)
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—COLUMN

Florida's future in question

The talk about Florida going for a three-peat has already begun.

Skip Bayless, a journalist/entertainer, wants Joakim Noah, Al Horford, Taurean Green and Corey Brewer to come back and become the first team since UCLA to win three consecutive national championships. Apparently for Bayless, winning a third championship will prove that this year's championship was not a "fluke."



Brett Berger
University Sports Editor

nothing more to prove. It's incredibly difficult for a team to repeat as national champions—it had been 15 years since a team repeated as champions. Before, it had been more than 20 years. No team will come close to matching the dynasty, UCLA had during the '60s and early '70s.

These players have earned their shot at the NBA. Noah, heralded as a top-10 pick, returned for another season. Each player's stock can only fall now if they return for another year.

Florida should be celebrated for what they've accomplished. In an era where athletes leave school

early for the NBA, it's difficult to maintain team cohesiveness when players are constantly being shuffled. Coach Billy Donovan was a big part of that, becoming one of the youngest head coaches to win two national championships, joining the likes of Henry Iba and Bobby Knight.

One decision Donovan has to face is whether to leave one SEC school for another. It's been widely reported that Donovan has been in discussion with Kentucky about becoming its next head coach after Tubby Smith departed for Minnesota.

He will become one of the highest paid head coaches in Division I basketball, but he will lose his identity, should he go to Kentucky. What Donovan has done with Florida is mold the program

into the top program in the nation. Before Donovan, Florida had been to one final four in 77 years of basketball. During Donovan's tenure, he's taken the school to three Final Fours and two championships in 11 years at the job at Kentucky.

If he takes the job at Kentucky, he will be just another coach trying to get out of the shadow of Adolph Rupp. Rick Pitino took the school to one national title game and he departed for the NBA. Smith won a championship—one year after Pitino left for the Boston Celtics and he's left for Minnesota—one of the worst coaching gigs in the nation.

Donovan could duplicate the success he had at Florida, but it's a question of how long Kentucky fans are willing to wait for that return down glory road.

—COLUMN

New NL division would benefit baseball

While it's sad to say and admit, baseball has lost its connection with America.

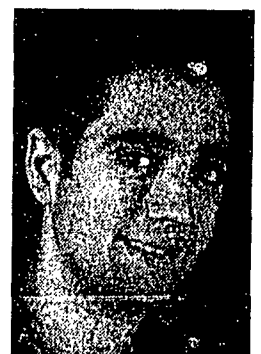
These days, teams just don't and can't compete anymore giving way for the same teams in the postseason, year after year.

However, by instituting a fourth division in the National League, baseball's competitive atmosphere and America's love for the game could be rejuvenated.

The answer is simple. By moving the Kansas City Royals and Tampa Bay Devil Rays over to the National League, where they could actually compete, into a new division with other small market teams such as the Pittsburgh Pirates, Milwaukee Brewers, Washington Nationals and Colorado Rockies, the characteristic of suspense could return to the nation's game.

Every other division in Major League Baseball would be downgraded to four teams making the race for every other division title more competitive.

A fourth division would elimi-



Dominic Genitti
Senior Reporter

nate the wild card in the National League and would finally give these low class teams a chance at baseball glory.

As a longtime fan of the game, I'd love to see any of these teams succeed deep into the playoffs.

The Kansas City Royals deserve playoff competition with the city's rich baseball history and dedicated fan base. Expansion teams like Tampa Bay and Colorado can become baseball dark horses in postseason play and the Pirates and Brewers would finally get a shot after sitting at the bottom of the heavily cluttered National League central division.

When it comes to the Washington Nationals and their success in the playoffs, they'd truly hold the golden ticket.

Nothing would be better for baseball than to have the nation's team and the World Series all rolled into one.

With all of the clouds hanging high over baseball involving steroids and other issues like the

absent salary caps, seeing small market and inconsistent teams having just a mere chance at the playoffs benefits the game.

Every single World Series that has been played over the past 14 seasons, 13 teams that do not make it have played on a regular basis succeeded through.

The Philadelphia Phillies, Toronto Blue Jays, Cleveland Indians, New York Mets, Arizona Diamondbacks, San Francisco Giants, Los Angeles Angels, St. Louis Cardinals, Boston Red Sox, Houston Astros, Chicago White Sox, Detroit Tigers and Florida Marlins have made few appearances in recent years.

Seeing teams like these in the World Series will bring fans back. In this day in age seeing the same teams year after year just doesn't do the game justice.

Dynasties possessed by teams like the New York Yankees and Atlanta Braves in recent years don't work like they did in the past.

In addition to the change in the National League, the American League would see an immediate imminent change in the level of play.

The Toronto Blue Jays and

Baltimore Orioles have the probability of becoming bitter rivals in the AL east, as the AL central becomes as tight as ever.

A wild card winner would still decide the fourth playoff spot, but it would add to the competitive intensity of a newly formatted American League.

The American League west division is the only division not affected by this proposal, but how it looks now, with a season long battle for first place, is how every division could look if another division was established in the National League.

Despite only having six teams in this small market division, it could still be competitive given the teams that would be involved and their stature of play.

Sure it may sound like a losers division, but to see these teams emerge and build up a strong identity when the playoffs arrive, can make for one exciting October showdown.

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—MCT CAMPUS

10 years later, the winds of change at Augusta

By Mark Whicker
The Orange County Register

AUGUSTA, Ga. — It was the weekend that the housewives and the workmen sat down and refused to stop watching a game they had never watched before.

It was the weekend that Tiger Woods, 21-year-old child of grace, shot 18-under par and won a Masters tournament by 12 strokes. All those numbers were unprecedented.

It was the weekend in which Woods supposedly changed the game.

It has been 10 years, and Woods

might have changed more than his game has.

Now Tiger has victories in 12 majors, going into a Masters that he intends to make his 13th.

Now his dad Earl is gone, but Tiger and his wife, Elin, are expecting their own child sometime in July. "I will be the disciplinarian," Woods promised.

Certainly the hardware of golf is different.

In 1997 the total prize money on the PGA Tour was \$80.5 million. It had almost doubled in the previous eight years.

After '97, it took only three

—COLUMN

Bringing back bad memories

While relaxing in my recliner Monday awaiting more of baseball's buffet of opening games, an all-too-familiar sight appeared on the ultimate sports network.

I didn't think much of it when I saw an overhead shot of Kaufman Stadium previewing one of the sold-out contests the Royals would encounter during the season. So I sat back and started munching on my Cheetos in anticipation of another dreadful year for the perennial cellar dwellers.



Scott Levine
Community Sports Editor

Every night was the same thing. I'd get my hopes up and then that stupid ESPN sportscenter would appear every night.

Just like the Royals game, ESPN would tease the upcoming game, just to deflate every fan's faint hopes of having a game on television.

So as my anger subsided, I decided to do a little research and find the true culprit of this morose display of pure idiocy. I stenciled complaints to my local cable operator and ESPN. Both smugly returned my inquiry with no answer.

Instead of shouldering some sort of blame, both entities curbed the complaint elsewhere. ESPN mentioned honoring contracts with regional cable companies, while the local cable provider said honoring regional contracts was a priority.

I mean, how many times do Royals fans join the rest of nation in watching their team play?

When I was younger, I noticed the disclaimer at the bottom of the ESPN telecasts talking about programming being subject to black-out, but it never happened. And when I sat never, I really mean never. Not in my 20 years of existence had TV betrayed me in such an evil and sadistic way.

But last year this disclaimer came to fruition when my beloved White Sox started appearing on ESPN late in the season.

Now you'd think during a World Series title run, the Sox would be mainstays on ESPN. But that was not the case during that magical year.

The over-hyped world champion Boston Red Sox made daily appearances, while the Yankees continued their dominance on the network.

But during August, the South Siders were in contention and facing the Yankees and Red Sox. So naturally, ESPN televised almost every game for a two-week slate.

But to my surprise, that Cheeto-choking incident paled in comparison to my anger during that stretch.

I guess the evil, baseball-hating television markets will continue delving out blackouts all over the United States until the only way to catch a game is if you're to a coast away or within a five-mile radius.

Therefore, as the epidemic increases, Midwesterners must make a choice. Either move to our favorite team's city or pack up and prepare for what the coasts have to offer.

what, I like golf more." When I was in junior golf, it was looked down as a wussy sport and no one ever played it.

Regardless, the '97 Masters for Woods is like the '62 U.S. Open for Jack Nicklaus, the point of embarkment.

It was a thunderclap. Woods skipped all the steps, bypassed all the progressions.

On Wednesday he was the next great player and by Sunday evening he was the only one.

"Back then I could reach the par-5s with short irons," Woods said. "No one was as long as I was, except for John Daly. I was hitting it flat, hitting it hot, I was able to fly it on top of a lot of the flat spots and get the ball scooting down the fairway."

"I could neutralize some of the things that other guys were fighting, and I also had a hot week with the putter."

Now guys have caught up and the course is much longer. You can't really make a comparison.

Augusta National was 520 yards shorter in '97 than today. On the measured driving holes, Woods surpassed everyone else by 23 yards, and he hit 55 of 72 greens, tying second-place finisher Tom Kite.

Woods also had 21 birdies and was 13 under on the par-5s.

And he was 18 under in a week when the average score was 74.069.

"At least I won my golf tournament," said Kite, who finished 6 under.

Brainiac's Tips:

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—HOROSCOPES

Today's Birthday (04-05-07)

You are probably not well known for your thrifty habits. This year, it'll be easier to develop some. You'll continually be reminded that it would be a good idea.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7 — You've been rich and you've been poor, and rich is often more comfortable. It can also be quite temporary, if you don't plan ahead. Now's a good time to do that.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 — Get the information to your teammates, so they can advance. If you provide support, they'll do most of everything else.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 6 — You're working hard but it's less fun when you're not making very much money. Think of this as paying off karma debt, and try to be cheerful.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 7 — You're so cute and so popular now, you can think just about anybody into just about anything. Be good — you've got a lot of power in that smile.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 5 — You may be tempted to run away and leave your troubles behind. Unfortunately, that's not possible. They'll find a way to tag along.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 6 — Hide out and study, even if friends want you to come over and play. The preparation you do now will help you succeed in the next competition. And you do love winning.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 8 — Keep your nose to the grindstone, and your mouth shut. Don't talk about what you're doing. Stay busy and get rich.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 8 — You're intensely focused and the job is sure to get done. You will go to extraordinary means to make sure that happens. This is good because others are depending on you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 6 — It's hard to trouble your enthusiasm. Don't get into trouble by talking about something that should be kept quiet for a while longer.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 6 — You're the one with the information everybody's seeking. All that homework was time well spent. You'll ace the test.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 — They say time equals money but what about your thoughts? If they take up a lot of your time, can you turn them into cash? That's today's test question. The answer is yes, if you can prove it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8 — Actually, you're doing quite well. You may not be certain about which path to take, but you are making really good time. And pretty good money, too.

—STROLLER

Your Man prepares for worst



The Stroller

Bush may be carrying out a "troop surge" over in Iraq, but here at Northwest, we're facing a different kind of surge: a surge of freshmen.

University officials predict a 17 percent increase in freshmen this fall, making it the largest class this school has seen in more than a decade.

Your Man is headed for the cellar.

And this isn't just any large mass of high school grads we're taking in. We're rolling out the red carpet for them in the form of two spunkin' new, disgustingly upscale residence halls.

The Fall 2007 freshman male, for example, will live in the very epitome of dormitory luxury, only having to share a bathroom with nine of his neighbors. You know, as opposed to over 40 people, Alcatraz style, currently being offered in the ancient high-rises across campus.

And after all the University will do for this class, they will thank us by clogging the lines in the Union at lunchtime, turning the sidewalks into those of New York City at rush hour and transforming our already ridiculous parking shortage into a full-blown crisis.

In short, life's gonna be a

OK, it's not that I hate freshmen; I will reluctantly confess to being one just two years ago. But come on Northwest. Seventeen percent? Hey guys, the Griffons called. They want their open enrollment back.

Of course, the "guys" aren't listening. Nope, everyone is probably seeing big dollar signs with this surge. We have to pay off that Center of Emptiness somehow, don't we?

But as we gain students and rake in more green, we will also inevitably lose those small class sizes we love to advertise. So basically, if you've been putting off taking that math class, get ready for some competition to sit in the "Learning T."

The good news in all of this is that, fortunately, some of the new class won't be lucky enough to occupy the new halls. They'll

be sent to the moldy, leaking high rises to endure what we upperclassmen so "fondly" had to endure our first year.

And of course, the mods aren't going anywhere, so the newbies will get to experience that "special" side of campus, so "special," in fact, that it more than likely wasn't a stop on any of their campus tours. I can just imagine the inner monologue that'll go on when some of them arrive at their first mod class this August.

"Wait, these are classrooms? I thought this was a shanty town replica!"

Your Man is anxious to see what happens this fall. I'm sure there'll be a follow-up column this October or November. Perhaps I'll be reporting on some grave mistake the architects made when designing the new halls, making the "guinea pig" freshmen miserable in their mini mansions.

Or maybe the University will convince ARAMARK to reintroduce trans fats into campus food to wipe out a sizeable portion of the incoming students. Who knows? I guess we'll just have to cross that bridge when we come to it, won't we?

Let the surge begin.

—MOVIE REVIEW

'Blades of Glory' skates to No. 1 in opening weekend

By Dan Whitacre
Missourian Reporter

Will Ferrell and Jon Heder acting as world champion ice skaters is hilarious sounding, but when they are faced with being banned from singles competition they have only one choice; to be the worlds first pairs figure skating male duo. It's not hard to imagine the comedy to follow.

The moment people heard about "Blades of Glory" it was destined for sell out crowds and the No. 1 movie spot for its first weekend. There is no surprise that it achieved those expectations. That aside it does fall slightly short of "Talladega Nights," both in laughs and income.

Even though it isn't quite as good as past Ferrell movies it is unfair and ignorant to say "Blades of Glory" is Ricky Bobby meets "Napoleon Dynamite." These films have little to do with each other with the exception of the actors. Unfortunately, it seems Jon Heder brings

this critic-created comparison to every movie he does. The link never proves justifiable though.

In the film Heder plays, Jimmy MacElroy, the much more sensible of the two athletes and represents a satire on the grace of figure skating, whereas Chazz Michael Michaels, played by Ferrell, is more of an improbable, rock star, bad boy of the sport.

The pair make an unlikely beauty and the beast friendship as it becomes evident that they couldn't be anymore opposite of one another.

A lot of the comedy is physical as would be expected in the situations that the two are placed in. Still, the best comedy came from Ferrell's unique improvisation skills. Even with Heder in the film, most of the other laughs are very secondary to Will Ferrell's performance.

Chazz Michael Michaels is obviously a character made for Will Ferrell. For this reason he has much of the weight of the movie's success on his shoulders. If any other actor were playing this role the movie would totally flop.

The previews show a lot of the funnier scenes in the movie, but there are still plenty of laughs to make it all worthwhile.

As for the actual plot, it isn't great; nevertheless the rapid spurts of jokes hit their marks more often than not.

Perhaps it is notable to mention that in his last two movies Ferrell has parodied two different sports. At no point has he made fun of any of the fans in either sport.

"Blades of Glory" may not be as good as Ferrell's other movies, but it is probably good enough to be included in what you could call the "Ferrell Trilogy." Either way it will be great to see what out takes and deleted scenes will be on the DVD.

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April 12th - Movie Night
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Greek Week 2007

**This year's theme is:
"Saved By The Greeks"**

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All money raised will be donated to the SSM Hospice and Home Care Foundation to help families in surrounding counties.

Greek Week Schedule

Greek Week Banners will be outside of the Union all week.
Chalk Draw will be outside by the Bell Tower on Monday, April 9th, 2007.

Zeus and Hera Competition	Mon. April 9 th	PAC	7:00pm
Greek Casino Night	Tues. April 10 th	Union Ballroom	7:00pm
*Bring a canned good for admission.			
Greek Song	Wed. April 11 th	PAC	7:00pm
Greek Night @ the Rec Center	Thurs. April 12 th	SRC	8:00pm
Community Service Events	Fri. April 13 th	Robert Criss Trail	11-5pm
	Sat. April 14 th	Cemetery Clean-up	10-12pm
Greek Classic for Hospice	Sat. April 14 th	Registration	11:30am-12:30pm
Greek Olympiad	Sun. April 15 th	IM Fields	11:00am

If you would like more information about Greek Week 2007 or the Northwest Greek community,

The Fraternities and Sororities at Northwest Missouri State University will be celebrating Greek Week 2007 from April 9th to April 16th on the NW campus. We welcome the opportunity to share what we as Greeks are about and what we do. Many people have stereotyped the Greeks, based upon movies like Animal House or t.v. shows seen on MTV. These inaccurate images neglect the hard work and dedication that our members contribute throughout the years. Sixty-three national fraternities, twenty-six national sororities and nine historically African American groups were founded on basic values of friendship and supporting one another. Northwest is honored to have 17 Greek Organizations who maintain a commitment to their founding principles and make a tremendous impact on campus and on the Maryville community. The Northwest Missouri State University Greek community has done some amazing things this past year.

Scholarship

NW Greeks pride themselves on being men and women of high academic standards. Currently, the all Sorority GPA is higher than the all female GPA and the all Greek GPA is higher than the all campus GPA. Over 75% of NW Greeks maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA and 24% of Greeks are on the NW Dean's and President's Honor Roll.

Community Service

As a Greek community, we serve numerous local and national charities, including the Special Olympics, the Children's Miracle Network, Bristol Manor Nursing Home, SSM Hospice and Home Care Foundation, the Nodaway County Humane Society and the BRUSH program. During the 2005-2006 school year, NW Greeks donated over 18,000 community service hours and over \$34,000 in philanthropic donations. Most recently, the NW Greek community contributed their time and efforts in helping to raise over \$50,000 for St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

Leadership

Many of the Greeks at NW are leaders on campus as well. Greeks can be found in just about every organization, as well as in numerous leadership roles, including Student Ambassadors, Student Government Association, Student Activities Council, SOAR Leaders, Homecoming Executive Board, St. Jude's Up 'til Dawn Committee, KZLX, Varisty Athletics and Honor Societies.

Social

NW Greeks are individuals who love to get involved and meet new people. There are a variety of ways that Greeks have shown their social side. Greek Chapters fully participated in Homecoming this year and in many past years. Greeks feel that Homecoming is a wonderful tradition that many student organizations should take part in. It allows our Greek community to show our school spirit while engaging in healthy competition.

Greek Week is another opportunity for our Greeks to come out into the community and be social with not only one another, but with our NW faculty, administration and the Maryville community.